

**CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE ADVISORY COMMISSION
TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINTH MEETING**

HELD AT CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE, Marconi Station
Area, Park Headquarters, South Wellfleet, Massachusetts, on
Monday, September 14, 2015, commencing at 1:06 p.m.

SITTING:

Richard Delaney, Chairman
Larry Spaulding
Don Nuendel
Lilli Green
Joseph Craig
Sheila Lyons
Mary-Jo Avellar
Judith Stephenson
Maureen Burgess

Robert Summersgill, alternate

Also present:

George Price, Superintendent
Lauren McKean, Park Planner
Susan Moynihan, Chief of Interpretation & Cultural Resources

Audience members

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P R O C E E D I N G S

MR. DELANEY: Good beautiful afternoon to everybody. What a day, huh? It's exciting.

It's an honor to call to order the 299th meeting of the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission. We're approaching that big number. We'll talk about that later today.

I would like to welcome all of you, of course. And we have a couple of people in the audience who will make some comments later, but I believe we have a new town administrator.

MS. AVELLAR: We do, town manager.

MR. DELANEY: Town manager from Provincetown here.

MS. AVELLAR: David Panagore, our new town manager, and he's my alternate, I believe.

AUDIENCE MEMBER (DAVID PANAGORE): Yes. Yes, and I'm just here to say hi, if you're looking for a face with a name, and now I'm going to head out the door and leave everything to --

MS. AVELLAR: He's our second bowtie wearing town manager.

AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. PANAGORE): But I was told to draw the line at wearing a boater hat.

MS. AVELLAR: Keith used to wear a boater hat,

1 seersucker suit.

2 MR. DELANEY: Well, congratulations.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. PANAGORE): Thank you.

4 MR. DELANEY: We'll be looking forward to working
5 with you in the future. You'll see. This is a group,
6 and we've been around for 299 meetings.

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. PANAGORE): 299 meetings.
8 Maybe you'll make it to 300.

9 MR. PRICE: David, just so you know, federal
10 advisory commissions don't come that easy to be
11 established, and this is the first one that was
12 established with the National Park. Most of them have
13 sunset clauses. Most of them are around like just for
14 the establishment of the Park or during a general
15 management plan, but I've certainly been of the opinion
16 that this one is significantly different because of the
17 communication that has to happen even though the Park
18 has been around for some years.

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. PANAGORE): Right.

20 MR. PRICE: So this is a big deal. So the 300th
21 piece about it I think is a big deal.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. PANAGORE): Why I asked.

23 MR. PRICE: That's right.

24 MR. DELANEY: And you will hear back through

1 Mary-Jo's capable hands on what we do and any issues you
2 want to give to us. So that's how each of these people
3 representing the town or the county, in the case of
4 Commissioner Lyons.

5 MS. LYONS: Nice to meet you.

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. PANAGORE): Nice to meet you
7 as well.

8 Well, thank you all very much, and again, it's just
9 the beginning. But I need to go.

10 MS. LYONS: Take care.

11 MR. NUENDEL: Nice to meet you.

12 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

13 MR. DELANEY: Okay, we have an agenda that's been
14 distributed in advance, and Maureen would like to add
15 one other report under the Nickerson Fellowship.

16 Does anyone want to add or change any other items
17 on the agenda?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. DELANEY: All right, I'll entertain a motion to
20 adopt the agenda as written.

21 MS. BURGESS: So moved.

22 MR. SPAULDING: Second.

23 MR. DELANEY: All those signify by saying aye.

24 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

1 MR. DELANEY: Okay.

2 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (MARCH 30, 2015)**

3 MR. DELANEY: We have minutes distributed in
4 advance, as always. And I would ask for any comments,
5 corrections, additions, or anything like that.

6 I'll go to our Eastham representative, as tradition
7 calls.

8 MR. NUENDEL: Yeah, they were healthy. I had a
9 couple days to read them, and they're accurate as far as
10 I can remember. I didn't see anything glaring, and we
11 were busy that day.

12 MR. DELANEY: Yeah, I know. Yeah.

13 All right, anyone else see any or have anything
14 else to change?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. DELANEY: All right, hearing no additions or
17 corrections, I'll ask for a motion to approve the
18 minutes.

19 MS. AVELLAR: So moved.

20 MR. SPAULDING: Second.

21 MR. DELANEY: All those who approve, signify by
22 saying aye.

23 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

24 MR. DELANEY: Good, okay.

1 **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

2 MR. DELANEY: And there is no report from the
3 officer.

4 **REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES**

5 MR. DELANEY: And there are some -- two
6 subcommittee reports, and I'll ask Maureen to start with
7 -- well, both actually, the update on the Pilgrim plant.

8 **NICKERSON FELLOWSHIP**

9 MS. BURGESS: So I wanted to give you a little
10 update on the Nickerson Fellowship because if you
11 reviewed the minutes, you'll know that we spent some
12 time on that, and I know Mark has been very interested
13 in getting the links on the Atlantic Coastal -- I always
14 say this wrong -- Atlantic Research and Learning Center
15 website. And all of the papers are now listed. And
16 about four of them have links, so you can actually get
17 into the finished product. And I've had communication
18 with Chris Green over the summer, and my understanding
19 is that they're working on getting more of them up.

20 (Judith Stephenson enters the room.)

21 MS. BURGESS: I gave you a list of all the
22 proposals so you might get an overview of the nature of
23 topics that were submitted to the committee, and again,
24 the committee consists of myself, a representative from

1 the Friends, and some other members at large, former
2 scientists like John Portnoy and John Riehl.

3 So number one is the one that was selected for the
4 fellowship, and it was by Kate Morkeski, and the
5 proposal was selected after much discussion. It has to
6 do with -- very pertinent to the Herring River
7 restoration plan, which, as you know, when completed,
8 the adapted management plan will restore natural flow
9 into areas where it has been interrupted. So it is seen
10 as a potential ecological experiment in terms of these
11 upswing marshes reverting back to salt marsh, and this
12 research may really aid in determining the benefits of
13 wetland restoration.

14 Kate also presented in August at the science day at
15 the Salt Pond Visitors Center. So she's measuring CO2
16 gas emissions, all greenhouse gases, nitrous oxide, and
17 methane. And I don't know if you're all familiar with
18 the term *blue carbon*. It's something you're going to be
19 hearing more about, but basically the notion is that
20 coastal grasses, mangroves, mangrove groves, these sort
21 of things have the potential for really sequestering a
22 lot of atmospheric nitrogen even to a greater extent
23 than forests do. And there's the potential that with
24 increased coastal grasses we may be able to really have

1 a negative effect on nitrogen and greenhouse gas
2 emissions, particularly nitrogen. That's as I
3 understand it.

4 So Kate was awarded the fellowship, but we also did
5 have enough funding to give -- you'll see that we really
6 zeroed in on the Herring River restoration. We did have
7 enough money to give a PhD candidate, Derrick Alcott,
8 some money for cameras for his work on the migratory
9 delay response to predators and passage success in the
10 Herring River restoration -- estuary rather -- in the
11 Herring River estuary. So we were able to give him the
12 cameras that he wanted to determine the level of
13 predation at some of the culverts where there seems to
14 be a delay as the herring migrate, which when we went
15 out with George -- I guess that was two springs ago --
16 we actually did observe that.

17 So you can look over. You can see the nature of
18 the submissions. They were all very, very interesting,
19 and I thought I'd leave you that since you usually don't
20 get to hear about what we actually review and who
21 received the fellowship.

22 So that's it.

23 MR. DELANEY: Any comments on the Nickerson
24 Fellowship award?

1 MS. LYONS: Just that I thank Maureen for providing
2 us all of the descriptions of the applicants and those
3 who won because they -- I'm sure it was kind of a hard
4 decision.

5 MS. BURGESS: It was. It was hard.

6 MS. LYONS: They're very interesting and good.

7 MS. BURGESS: It was hard. We do have criteria
8 that we try to stick to, but it's always a lot of
9 interesting discussion.

10 Judy just asked how much. I believe it was around
11 \$3,000, and I think for Kate Morkeski -- I think 500 is
12 held back until her paper is completed.

13 MR. DELANEY: I think so, yeah.

14 MS. BURGESS: And then we did have a little money
15 -- we had \$1,000 to give to Derrick for his cameras.
16 His work is already funded by U.S. Geological Service
17 and the National Park Service, but this was an
18 additional piece that he thought would aid his research.

19 But it is hard, and they were interesting.

20 MR. DELANEY: This just illustrates the extent of
21 science that goes on at the Cape Cod National Seashore,
22 not only within the staff, which is terrific, but other
23 people who want to be involved in it. And I'll just
24 mention. I've had a number of people from UMass-Boston

1 ask me recently about the upper stream, the upper
2 reaches of the Herring River for some reason. I tried
3 to find it the other day. I don't even know where it
4 is. But I will try to put those people in touch with
5 Kate.

6 MS. BURGESS: Oh, yeah, great.

7 Oh, one other one I just want to point out because
8 this was really amazing. No. 3, Alex Coban, a high
9 school senior submitted a very, very impressive
10 submission. Dr. Sophia Fox, the Park aquatic ecologist,
11 was working with him and was very, very -- so impressed
12 that she actually recommended him. His hypothesis is
13 that oyster aquaculture significantly stimulates --
14 again, we're talking about nitrogen -- stimulates
15 sediment, microbial nitrogen removal in the underlying
16 sediments.

17 It was really a really top-notch submission, so I
18 just was -- we were all kind of blown away by that one,
19 but we had to come down on one. So it would be nice if
20 we could fund more, but that was --

21 MR. DELANEY: Yes, Mary-Jo?

22 MS. AVELLAR: A question on No. 6. What is
23 eutrophication?

24 MS. BURGESS: Oh, yes. So it's when your pond gets

1 stinky.

2 MS. AVELLAR: We don't have ponds in Provincetown,
3 so...

4 MR. DELANEY: Well, there was some eutrophication
5 going on in the East Harbor until the Park opened up
6 some of the flow.

7 MS. AVELLAR: Right.

8 MR. DELANEY: It's still an issue there.

9 MR. PRICE: Well, in talking with Truro, it was
10 joint.

11 MR. DELANEY: Or Truro.

12 MR. PRICE: Yeah.

13 MS. BURGESS: Agnes Mittermayr, who's doing that,
14 George, she's continuing to work on that, her fatty acid
15 research. I think it's ongoing because she submitted
16 before. Maybe Sue knows.

17 MS. MOYNIHAN: I don't.

18 MS. BURGESS: No? Okay.

19 MR. DELANEY: All right, great. Good report.

20 UPDATE OF PILGRIM NUCLEAR PLANT EMERGENCY PLANNING

21 SUBCOMMITTEE STATE LEGISLATION PROPOSALS

22 MR. DELANEY: On to the power plant issue.

23 MS. BURGESS: Yeah, so on the Commission's behalf
24 and with the permission of the chairman since we were

1 not in session, I did submit on the Commission's behalf
2 -- I added the name of the Seashore Advisory Commission
3 to a coalition of 24 groups which were supporting Cape
4 Cod Bay Watch in calling on the EPA and the DEP to
5 suspend the long-expired -- for 19 years it's been
6 expired -- water discharge permit at Entergy's Pilgrim
7 Power Station.

8 Their report was entitled "Entergy, The Bay Is Not
9 Your Dump." It was released in -- the 8th of June, and
10 it documents Pilgrim's thermal pollution of the bay.
11 And as you know, Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station dumps 500
12 million gallons of hot water into the bay, and that
13 includes pollutants killing millions of fish and sea
14 life every year. And their full report is available if
15 you go to the capecodbaywatch.org site. They're based
16 in Plymouth. And to my knowledge, I don't know if
17 they've gotten a response yet from EPA.

18 MR. DELANEY: I don't think they have, no.

19 MS. BURGESS: And then, once again, Sheila, the
20 water in the bay is like up to 75 degrees.

21 MS. LYONS: Right.

22 MS. BURGESS: To the point that they wouldn't be
23 able to use it for cooling.

24 MS. LYONS: Exactly.

1 MR. DELANEY: Mary-Jo?

2 MS. AVELLAR: Where is Save the Harbor, Save the
3 Bay on this issue?

4 MR. DELANEY: They haven't really focused on the
5 power plant. They've been in Boston and the outfall
6 pipe, of course, but they haven't looked at this
7 particular one.

8 MS. AVELLAR: Maybe they should. Maybe we should
9 be sending them a letter.

10 MR. DELANEY: We could bring it to their attention.

11 MS. AVELLAR: I know the person in charge. Her
12 name is Pat Foley. She used to work for John Kerry.
13 Maybe we should send her a notice.

14 MS. STEPHENSON: What is the name?

15 MS. AVELLAR: Save the Harbor, Save the Bay.

16 MS. STEPHENSON: Where are they based?

17 MS. AVELLAR: Boston.

18 MS. STEPHENSON: Boston?

19 MS. AVELLAR: It's only a matter of time, you know,
20 if anything went wrong.

21 MS. LYONS: Right, and it is getting more
22 awareness, I think.

23 MS. AVELLAR: Yeah.

24 MS. LYONS: I just read it in one of the newspapers

1 that I was reading over the weekend, but it was a new
2 focus on that that was beyond the bridge. And I was
3 happy to see that.

4 MS. GREEN: And I think it would be appropriate
5 given that our state representative has increased the
6 area around up to 50 miles, which brings it into Boston.

7 MS. AVELLAR: Right.

8 MS. GREEN: I would agree with sending a letter.

9 MS. BURGESS: That's a good idea.

10 MR. DELANEY: I think you should feel free to send
11 any information to them, and both Mary-Jo and I have
12 their contacts.

13 MS. BURGESS: Okay, if you can give me the
14 contacts, I'd have something.

15 MR. DELANEY: Yes?

16 MR. SPAULDING: Wouldn't it be more appropriate to
17 send copies of our prior submissions?

18 MS. BURGESS: I think we talked about --

19 MR. SPAULDING: Do it that way?

20 MS. BURGESS: Yeah.

21 MR. SPAULDING: Because then we all agreed on.

22 MS. BURGESS: Yeah, because you mentioned that last
23 time.

24 MR. DELANEY: Thank you for the process advice.

1 And I said to Maureen anything that we've already agreed
2 upon, she should feel free to use and should. This fits
3 that bill perfectly.

4 MS. BURGESS: So we could do those previous letters
5 that we've done and our report on the study.

6 MS. GREEN: And I would suggest also sending Sarah
7 Peake's bill, a copy of the bill with that as well so
8 they see it. It does extend into Boston.

9 MS. BURGESS: That's a good idea.

10 So there's been a flurry of activity or, I should
11 say, press around Pilgrim, as you've all seen in the
12 last -- what? -- week. The NRC downgraded it even
13 further in terms of safety because of the multiple
14 shutdowns going back into 2013, and I think also because
15 they just haven't followed through on fixing the
16 problems correctly. So they've been degraded to the
17 lowest three plants -- one of the lowest three in the
18 country, which are all owned by Entergy. So that says
19 something.

20 MR. NUENDEL: They're consistent.

21 MS. BURGESS: They're consistently neglectful,
22 right.

23 And as Lilli said, there are -- you have some
24 information in the packet outlining various pieces of

1 legislation pertaining to Pilgrim. We're fortunate that
2 both our representatives, Sarah Peake and our senator,
3 Dan Wolf, are so active here.

4 So with regard to Sarah's bills, which Lilli
5 mentioned, you'll see on the Cape Downwinders sheet that
6 I gave you, one idea is to have monitoring stations
7 around the plant out to about 50 miles and have a better
8 evacuation plan. In other words, extending the
9 emergency planning zone to 50 miles instead of the 10
10 miles that they are required to. And another of Sarah's
11 bills is -- oh, yes, radiological monitoring, which
12 right now is done by the Massachusetts Department of
13 Public Health, but nowhere out this way. So her idea is
14 to increase the radiological monitoring and to have a --
15 as I understand it, to have a \$400,000 fee put up by
16 each power plant to defray costs of this monitoring that
17 the additional stations would require. So those are two
18 important bills that she had.

19 Her bills are going through Joint Committee on
20 Public Health, as they did when she attempted back in
21 2013 to get these through, and there was testimony,
22 you'll have on one of the sheets you can see, by a lot
23 of grassroots organizations back in July who spoke in
24 favor of her bills. So that testimony has already been

1 put forward, but anybody should feel free to let her
2 know of your support, or if you have friends in other
3 areas, you know, who are represented by different
4 representatives and you can encourage them to step up
5 and support her bills, I think that would be very, very
6 useful.

7 Also, Senator Wolf has a couple of bills in the
8 Senate, and he seems to be taking the tack of economics
9 rather than public health. There is a new lobbying
10 group in Harwich that has come up with a strategy for
11 really lobbying with people -- other senators to try to
12 get their support in getting these bills through. Now,
13 they're with Joint Committee on Telecommunications and
14 Energy, and I don't know that they've had a hearing on
15 that yet.

16 Do you know?

17 MS. LYONS: I don't know.

18 MS. BURGESS: You were at one of the meetings?

19 MS. LYONS: I was. I was at the (inaudible), so I
20 had plenty of take on that.

21 What I found encouraging -- and I'm remembering
22 back where I did hear this conversation over the
23 weekend. I was reading things in the paper, but it was
24 on a Boston news station. I think it was WGBH where

1 they do these little clips. So it was talking about
2 energy and energy in the state, what the Governor is
3 tackling. And it did mention that now that he's
4 recognizing Pilgrim, that there is this problem with
5 Pilgrim, he's been up to Canada and trying to make some
6 sort of understanding -- you know, memorandum of
7 understanding with the Canadian hydroelectric to see
8 what other sources you can bring down. So I think he is
9 also seeing that this is an inevitable thing and trying
10 to line up what the alternative methods would be to keep
11 our power going in the event that this is now going to
12 go away. So I think that it has a crucial piece. They
13 do have to have that in place before something else is
14 -- even though it's there just released for the
15 overload, it doesn't always work on the overload as we
16 see on the hottest days, so -- because of the climate.

17 So I do think that there is a lot of momentum going
18 on. I think it was great that they did downgrade, and
19 unfortunately, his staff obviously didn't read the paper
20 that morning to make sure he knew that. And he kind of
21 blew it a little bit.

22 MS. BURGESS: Yeah, a little bit.

23 MS. LYONS: So I think that brought his full
24 attention to the problem. I do think that there is

1 great momentum. I think that this is the time to keep
2 up that pressure. And, you know, I think -- you know,
3 I'm sure it's going to feel quick, but this has been
4 years in the making, but I do think that once things
5 catch it's going to go very fast.

6 MS. BURGESS: And Dan's bills have to do with
7 having basically I guess you'd call it a tax on the
8 spent fuel assemblies of \$10,000 per assembly per year.
9 That's Senate Bill 1797. And then Senate Bill 1798
10 would be a very important piece, which would be a \$25
11 million per year fund on each station in Massachusetts
12 to ensure proper decommissioning because that's
13 something that -- you know, we can say shut it down, but
14 the decommissioning is very, very important, and if you
15 read through some of this information, you'll see that
16 they don't have anywhere near an adequate amount based
17 on what they're coming up with for Vermont Yankee as to
18 what they would need to ensure, you know, dry cask
19 storage of the spent rods and proper safety as the plant
20 is decommissioned.

21 So again, I don't know if this is something we want
22 to support as a group. My thinking is if everybody were
23 just to call in and offer their support, it might be
24 helpful, you know, as individuals. And if you have

1 friends in other parts of the state, you can ask them to
2 ask their representatives to support these bills, but --

3 MR. DELANEY: Well, we've supported them in the
4 past. I think all of the above is the way to go. They
5 can join us individually, and groups that are connected
6 to the towns we represent can all weigh in. I don't
7 need to resubmit our letters again this year. That's
8 the easiest thing for us to do. Maybe that's what Lilli
9 is going to suggest.

10 What were you going to say, Lilli?

11 MS. GREEN: I was there for the hearing at Public
12 Health.

13 MS. BURGESS: Oh, you were there?

14 MS. GREEN: I was, yeah, and there were, I would
15 say, between 15 and 20 people that testified on that
16 bill. From what I could see in the audience, it seemed
17 that the members that were present at the time seemed
18 sympathetic and really were very attentive. They really
19 paid attention.

20 And the next step is for it to move out of
21 committee. So if we could write another letter or
22 support it in other ways directly, I think it does have
23 impact. I think this commission does have impact. From
24 what Senator Wolf has told me, this body does have

1 weight, so whatever we can do to support it moving out
2 of committee and moving forward I think will --

3 MR. DELANEY: There is momentum now, so we might as
4 well keep adding to that momentum. Why don't we
5 authorize you, the chair of the subcommittee, to restate
6 our support of each and every one of these bills as
7 we've done in the past.

8 MS. BURGESS: So you mean to the Joint Committee,
9 the two chairs?

10 MR. DELANEY: Yes.

11 MS. BURGESS: Yeah, I'll find that --

12 MS. LYONS: And I'll be happy to work on that with
13 you because the meeting that I attended prior to the
14 last, Mary Lampert was speaking, and she really has -- I
15 remember a few years ago I was talking to Congressman
16 Keating about this, and he said it's really going to be
17 the economics that's going to finally bring it to
18 everyone's attention. And I think she's really grasped
19 onto that and has researched it and has made a very good
20 argument that this isn't just a coastal issue for
21 Massachusetts. If something happens to that power
22 plant, it's just going to have an economic effect
23 throughout the state. It's going to take ten years to
24 decommission, and there will be jobs in place for that

1 decommissioning. Now, whether they're going to be local
2 expertise -- however, it's still going to be generating
3 some sort of economy, and you have ten years to shift
4 that economy to a new thing.

5 So her argument is very logical, very -- very
6 sound, very economic, and as we all know, once it hits
7 the purse strings, that's when people pay attention.
8 You can tell them it's going to kill them, but that
9 doesn't matter.

10 MR. DELANEY: Sheila, thank you for helping
11 volunteer.

12 MS. LYONS: She's really doing most of the work.

13 MR. DELANEY: Just so we get this to the right
14 people because you understand the legislative process
15 well. So we can get this to the right people. Thank
16 you.

17 Mary-Jo?

18 MS. AVELLAR: And this I think all goes hand in
19 hand with our real need to get out of the grid and get
20 into wind power and get into solar and get into anything
21 that reduces carbon footprint, that reduces the
22 possibility of people being killed. And, you know,
23 viewsheds in my opinion be damned because telephone
24 poles weren't around 100 years ago and they're all over

1 the place now. So I think that we really need to step
2 up our commitment to these other sources of energy hand
3 in hand with trying to get Pilgrim shut down. I think
4 it's critical.

5 MS. BURGESS: Excuse me. And if you saw the e-mail
6 that I sent you of the nice paper that was done by Brian
7 Boyle, it comes down to they're supplying two percent to
8 the grid.

9 MS. LYONS: It's a big risk for two percent.

10 MS. BURGESS: Yeah.

11 MS. AVELLAR: Yeah.

12 MR. DELANEY: That's well said, yeah.

13 Lilli?

14 MS. GREEN: And although I agree with a lot of what
15 you said, I think you know my stand on wind power. It
16 has impacts on the health and safety of the people
17 nearby, and we need more research on that. And Sarah
18 Peake has also sponsored a bill to study the health of
19 people living near wind turbines. But I think it's a
20 huge issue, and until we know more, I think it's a huge
21 mistake to move forward in that direction. I do support
22 solar, and there are a lot of other things that we can
23 be doing.

24 MR. DELANEY: Point made. I think the intent was

1 appropriately situated wind and solar. That's the
2 assumption.

3 MS. LYONS: Right, renewable.

4 MS. AVELLAR: I'm not just saying put one anywhere,
5 but I mean, I think that there's just this urgent need.
6 And I just found out the other day that if you're over
7 65 or whatever age bracket, you can get a reduced
8 electric bill. So needless to say, I sent in the
9 application. I mean, we are paying so much for our
10 energy. We're not allowed to have our own energy here
11 anymore like Hull has, and anything we can do to get out
12 of these dangerous and expensive energy things, I think
13 we should do. But I'm more inclined, as you say,
14 especially when it presents a clear and present danger
15 to our community, our livelihood, our real estate
16 values, our everything. I mean, we're going to get
17 slaughtered by Pilgrim if anything goes wrong.

18 MR. DELANEY: So I think the action item for your
19 committee is to go ahead, and I'll ask for approval from
20 the committee -- from the Commission as a whole that we
21 authorize the subcommittee to bring our concerns in
22 writing -- our support for the various piece of
23 legislation in writing to the chairs of the two
24 committees.

1 MS. BURGESS: Two committees.

2 MR. DELANEY: And other appropriate legislators as
3 we've done in the past.

4 MS. BURGESS: Okay.

5 MR. DELANEY: Okay. I don't know if that's an
6 official motion, but is there --

7 MS. AVELLAR: So moved.

8 MR. DELANEY: Okay. Is there a second?

9 MS. GREEN: Second.

10 MR. DELANEY: All those in favor, signify by --

11 MR. SPAULDING: I have a question.

12 MR. DELANEY: Yes, you have a question. Thank you,
13 Larry. You saved me.

14 MR. SPAULDING: My question comes more in the
15 ignorance of the process. There are a bunch of
16 different bills.

17 MS. BURGESS: Yes.

18 MR. SPAULDING: They all do a different thing.
19 Does it make sense to pick one that we think is the most
20 important one? Would that have a greater effect than
21 just to say there are seven bills or eight bills and
22 we're in favor of all?

23 MS. LYONS: Mmm-hmm.

24 MS. BURGESS: Yeah, I know what you mean because,

1 for example --

2 MR. SPAULDING: So is it better to prioritize, you
3 know, this one or these two are really important? Would
4 that have a greater effect? I don't know, but I'm
5 proposing the issue.

6 MR. DELANEY: Maureen?

7 MS. BURGESS: Yeah, I noticed what you were saying,
8 Larry. For example, Cantwell is -- Representative
9 Cantwell -- I think he's from Marshfield -- is
10 requesting monitoring stations for 20 miles around the
11 plant where Sarah's recommending 50. So there seems to
12 be movement coming from different directions.

13 My thinking is that the two bills by Wolf are so
14 stand on their -- each stand on their own, as do
15 Sarah's, but that's -- you know, so I would pick those
16 four if it were my call, but I'm open to whatever.

17 MR. DELANEY: Good point, Larry. I guess I have to
18 admit I was assuming we were just talking about our
19 representatives and our senators.

20 MS. LYONS: And I happen to agree because what
21 Sarah's really taking is, as stated, the public health
22 approach.

23 MR. DELANEY: That makes sense.

24 MS. LYONS: So you're talking about the effect, but

1 the one that will be heard is the economic approach, and
2 that might be able to push them further.

3 MR. DELANEY: So the motion's been modified to
4 emphasize to support Senator Wolf's and Representative
5 Peake's.

6 MS. BURGESS: And I don't know when this will come
7 up for testimony. I don't know. I'll have to stay on
8 top of that because we would like -- some of us would
9 like to go.

10 MS. LYONS: Yes.

11 MR. DELANEY: Any more discussion? Lilli?

12 MS. GREEN: And I understand what Larry's talking
13 about, and I think it's really a valid point to bring
14 up. However, my understanding from the meeting that was
15 held at the State House with Representative Peake and
16 Senator Wolf was that his feeling was that this body has
17 weight and that he would like us to support the bill --
18 the bills, all of the bills. So I think that would be
19 important to do.

20 MS. BURGESS: Sarah's and his?

21 MS. GREEN: Sarah's and his, yes. Yes, that's
22 right.

23 MR. DELANEY: That's the motion that we have. That
24 is the motion.

1 So we have an amended motion to support both our
2 representative and senator's bills. All those in favor,
3 signify by saying aye.

4 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

5 MR. DELANEY: Those opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. DELANEY: Okay, thank you very much for your
8 good work, continued good work, Maureen. There is
9 progress, and it feels like there's some momentum.

10 MS. LYONS: Yeah, there's momentum.

11 MR. DELANEY: And it's wonderful to see the
12 Governor recognize that. To his credit -- to his
13 credit, he said, "Okay, now I see and I understand." I
14 don't see that happen too often.

15 MS. AVELLAR: I don't know what rock he's been
16 living under.

17 MR. DELANEY: Well, he may be --

18 MS. AVELLAR: He's the Governor.

19 MS. LYONS: He's not alone.

20 MR. DELANEY: Be careful. You're talking to a
21 Governor's representative sitting next to you.

22 (Laughter.)

23 MS. AVELLAR: Yes, but I know where she stands. I
24 know where she votes.

1 MR. DELANEY: So moving along. Thank you, Maureen.

2 **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

3 MR. DELANEY: We now come to the Superintendent's
4 Report.

5 MR. PRICE: Great, I'll try to move this along
6 because we're going to be ending up the report with a
7 short video talking about sustainable energy.

8 **SHOREBIRD MANAGEMENT PLAN/ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

9 MR. PRICE: First of all, I just wanted to
10 apologize. In the March meeting, if you recall, I was
11 attempting to set up our next meeting, which originally
12 was going to be July and then it was going to be in
13 September, on the shorebird management plan rollout.

14 Frankly, just the complexity of the environmental
15 assessment process through NEPA and everything we have
16 to do with our solicitor's office and our planners and
17 our compliance people and the fact that Jason Taylor,
18 our chief of science and research -- resources, has
19 moved on. He took a position in Alaska since I think we
20 all saw you last. We're just not able to get it right
21 to you at this moment. We do believe we'll get it ready
22 for November.

23 So you saw in the note that I sent you I spoke to
24 Rich because it's critical that we have a review process

1 bridging when the Advisory Commission meets, so that's
2 why the next meeting for the Commission we already
3 preset to November 16. So therefore, the public comment
4 would probably come out -- the public comment period
5 would be earlier, say November 7 or 8. We have our
6 meeting on the 16th. We have a public session on the
7 17th at the Salt Pond Visitors Center, and then it is
8 open for a 45-day comment period all told. So that's
9 why the bridging is important.

10 We also learned that that will be the same
11 approximate comment period for the Outer Cape bike plan,
12 and Lauren's been working with our office, with the
13 County Commission, which has taken the lead on the
14 planning, as well as with the various town bike
15 committees on that process. So that November meeting is
16 going to be pretty busy because we need a good amount of
17 time to review the shorebird management plan as well as
18 the Outer Cape bike plan.

19 So they're not -- neither review here is intended
20 to be a soup to nuts review of every sentence and
21 paragraph, but it's mostly to give you an overview of
22 what the NEPA process is, an overview of what the
23 alternatives are, and then focusing on it specifically
24 on the proposed alternative that we're recommending.

1 After the public comment period, all the public comments
2 are received from the individuals, and then the writers
3 of the document then have the opportunity to alter and
4 craft that final alternative with material edits which
5 support the project goals that have come back from
6 public feedback.

7 We're also going to identify the fact that both of
8 these processes have had public meetings already. It's
9 just the shorebird management plan is taking a long time
10 to get to this point. So this isn't the first time it's
11 come out in front of the public, but it would be the
12 first time now that we have a final product to present.

13 Okay, so that's basically where we are with that
14 process.

15 MR. DELANEY: George, excuse me. A question from
16 Larry.

17 MR. SPAULDING: George, is there an executive
18 summary of the plan? Will there be an executive summary
19 of the plan?

20 MR. PRICE: You know, I think it's mostly the
21 preferred alternative.

22 Lauren, is it generally -- is that --

23 MS. McKEAN: Generally, the executive summary is
24 very, very short, and it doesn't give you a lot of

1 information.

2 MR. SPAULDING: I raise the question. It would be
3 helpful without having a mass of material.

4 MR. PRICE: Right.

5 MR. SPAULDING: To have something before the
6 meeting that we'd have a chance to look at, even if it's
7 just the preferred alternative so we can kind of have an
8 idea ahead of time, if that's possible.

9 MR. PRICE: I'm sure we can. We can't present --
10 we have to send it out at the same time as the public
11 comment.

12 MR. SPAULDING: That's fine. And I don't mean a
13 huge, but it just would be helpful.

14 MR. PRICE: Okay, I think we can do that. I don't
15 know how long the preferred alternatives are in both
16 documents.

17 MS. McKEAN: Yeah, we may just send you pages then.

18 MR. SPAULDING: Sure.

19 MS. McKEAN: Because they're not producing a
20 separate preferred alternative, only the documents.

21 MR. DELANEY: That would be helpful. That would be
22 helpful for all of us. Good.

23 MR. PRICE: And we'll make sure we mail it early
24 enough so that you're not getting it on the Saturday

1 mail before the Monday meeting.

2 (Laughter.)

3 MS. LYONS: Thank you.

4 MR. NUENDEL: I appreciate that.

5 MS. AVELLAR: Yeah.

6 NAUSET SPIT UPDATE

7 MR. PRICE: I put on here the *Nauset Spit Update*.

8 This has been an important topic all along, and
9 basically the Town of Orleans continues to pursue its
10 access with opportunities with Eastham. The NPS still
11 retains its land ownership interest, so there's nothing
12 to change with us.

13 I asked Lauren just to kind of highlight what the
14 documents are that we've been seeing passing, and
15 obviously our representatives from Orleans can comment
16 as well.

17 MS. McKEAN: Last spring, late spring the Eastham
18 Conservation Commission was reviewing the Nauset Spit
19 ORV program that was presented by the Town of Eastham --
20 I mean, the Town of Orleans for ORV management and use.
21 They ultimately denied an order of conditions under
22 Mass. Wetlands Protection Act and the Eastham wetlands
23 bylaw.

24 In July, Mass. DEP was asked -- through an appeal

1 by the Town of Orleans, Mass. DEP issued a superseding
2 order of conditions, which means they're overturning the
3 denial by the Eastham Conservation Commission. So that
4 was late July. So then in August there was some back
5 and forth, and now Eastham has appealed that superseding
6 order. Orleans last week just submitted what they
7 needed to submit on time, but that was a court action
8 that's -- Office of Appeals and Dispute Resolution.
9 Mass. DEP is handling it, so it's a back-and-forth
10 proposal at this time.

11 Separately the Town of Orleans has also filed in
12 land court to move the town line to include all of
13 Nauset Spit, and we haven't heard anything more on that.
14 We've just seen the paperwork that was submitted to the
15 state land court on that.

16 MS. LYONS: Isn't there a private individual who is
17 also staking a claim there?

18 MS. McKEAN: Yes, that's the Hannah family, the
19 Hannah Trust.

20 MS. LYONS: And where is that?

21 MS. McKEAN: That is south of the Park -- of the
22 land owned by the USA.

23 MS. LYONS: Okay.

24 MS. McKEAN: That's south of the town line of

1 Eastham. The property that the USA owns is north of the
2 town line.

3 MR. PRICE: So that basically about sums it up.
4 Obviously Eastham and Orleans continue to do the
5 activities that Lauren laid out. And the NPS still
6 contends that we own the lots that we have had ownership
7 of but the Town of Orleans disagrees due to the fact
8 that through accretion and evolution the situation may
9 have changed.

10 So that's about where it stands at this point.

11 MR. DELANEY: Questions? Judy?

12 MS. STEPHENSON: Could you just clarify for me the
13 five lots that you own and where they're located? And
14 is it the Hannah family that owns the one lot?

15 MR. PRICE: No.

16 MS. STEPHENSON: Okay. Could you clarify?

17 MS. McKEAN: So as of the town line, basically --
18 it's a little hard to see on here, but as of the town
19 line here, there are five lots north that are owned by
20 the NPS, and there is a town-owned lot in between.

21 MR. PRICE: The Town of Eastham.

22 MS. McKEAN: But basically the five lots are north
23 of the town line of Eastham.

24 MS. STEPHENSON: Okay, so they're located in what

1 Eastham is claiming as their land, right?

2 MS. McKEAN: As within their town. Orleans is
3 contesting this now, their town.

4 MS. STEPHENSON: Okay, I understand that, yeah.

5 MR. PRICE: Judy, one of the things in the
6 newspaper, it's been misstated that the land north of
7 the Eastham boundary Eastham claims as their property.
8 That's not the case. They claim it as their
9 jurisdiction.

10 MR. NUENDEL: The town.

11 MR. PRICE: The town boundary, but there's, in
12 fact, only one lot north of that that the Town of
13 Eastham owns and there are five that the U.S. owns.

14 MS. STEPHENSON: Does the U.S. own anything south
15 of the old Orleans/Eastham line on the spit?

16 MR. PRICE: Not on the spit. We still have
17 property in Orleans and in Chatham.

18 MS. STEPHENSON: But not on the spit?

19 MR. PRICE: But not associated with the spit.

20 MS. LYONS: So there are properties, there are
21 developments on those lots. This isn't just an open
22 barrier beach.

23 MR. SPAULDING: It's a barrier beach.

24 MS. LYONS: It is a barrier beach. That's what I

1 thought.

2 MR. PRICE: There's no improved structures.

3 MS. LYONS: That's what I thought.

4 MS. McKEAN: There are some lots that USA owns as
5 you come around this bend (indicates). Where is it? At
6 Nauset Heights. So right in --

7 MS. STEPHENSON: They do?

8 MS. McKEAN: Yeah.

9 MS. STEPHENSON: In Nauset Heights?

10 MS. McKEAN: Near Callanan's Pass, yes.

11 MS. STEPHENSON: Really?

12 MS. McKEAN: There are a couple of lots, yeah.

13 MS. STEPHENSON: So they're an abutter? USA is an
14 abutter to Callanan's Pass?

15 MS. McKEAN: To Aspinet Road, not to Callanan's.

16 MS. STEPHENSON: Okay.

17 MR. DELANEY: Oh, I'm sorry. Don?

18 MR. NUENDEL: I thought I read someplace -- and I
19 don't know how long ago -- that the Town of Eastham is
20 considering having an article the next town meeting or
21 next town vote to see what the population thinks of as
22 far as banning the ORV.

23 MR. PRICE: Well, they did in their May town
24 meeting. It was a 3 to 1 vote against rescinding the

1 bylaw.

2 MR. NUENDEL: That's what it was. That's right.
3 And so that's been done.

4 MR. PRICE: Yes.

5 MR. NUENDEL: So what does that do for the
6 Seashore?

7 MR. PRICE: Well, it simply reinforces their 1970
8 bylaw which they enacted prohibiting ORV within the town
9 boundary. The point of Orleans continuing to have ORVs
10 within the town boundary in Nauset Spit was -- the term
11 that I've used is that both the Town of Eastham and the
12 National Park Service acquiesced to that activity.
13 Neither party activated their jurisdiction at that time.

14 MR. DELANEY: Larry?

15 MR. SPAULDING: If Orleans would like the 1797
16 boundary to be the inlet so it moves, we'll see if
17 they're successful in that, which means that the spit
18 would not be in Eastham. Of course, Orleans would like
19 to take the position that your land disappeared in
20 erosion and that our land accreted so we own the land
21 and it's in the Town of Orleans, but there's a long way
22 to go before we get the answer to that.

23 MS. STEPHENSON: That's in the land court, right?

24 MR. SPAULDING: Yeah.

1 MR. PRICE: Well, no.

2 MS. STEPHENSON: No, not the land court?

3 MR. PRICE: The boundary's in the land court.

4 MS. STEPHENSON: Yes.

5 MR. PRICE: Not the land ownership rights.

6 MS. STEPHENSON: No, I understand. Larry was
7 talking about the boundary.

8 MR. SPAULDING: And the inlet.

9 MS. STEPHENSON: And the inlet.

10 MR. SPAULDING: Yes.

11 MS. STEPHENSON: And that particular issue is in
12 the land court, yes?

13 MR. PRICE: Uh-huh.

14 MS. STEPHENSON: Okay.

15 MS. AVELLAR: So Orleans is trying to take
16 Eastham's land; is that what you're saying?

17 MR. SPAULDING: No, Orleans is trying to say that
18 Eastham has been in error for years and they don't own
19 it because the boundary's somewhere else. So we'll see
20 what happens.

21 MS. AVELLAR: I don't live in any one of those
22 towns.

23 MS. STEPHENSON: Orleans claims that the sand has
24 accreted from Orleans' land; now north of the town

1 boundary belongs to Orleans because it's from where it's
2 accreted.

3 MS. AVELLAR: Oh, my God.

4 MS. STEPHENSON: And Eastham claims that it's been
5 accreted into our land so now we own it.

6 MR. SPAULDING: Well, we need to revisit this about
7 five years from now because that's how long it's going
8 to take.

9 MR. NUENDEL: Provincetown could have a problem.
10 With all that sand you guys are getting, somebody's
11 going to say --

12 MS. STEPHENSON: It's our sand.

13 MS. AVELLAR: All I know is that we're getting so
14 much sand at high tide.

15 MR. DELANEY: One at a time. This is a fascinating
16 topic. It's worth a couple more minutes just to make
17 sure we get the best understanding we can, and I'll let
18 you get in all questions.

19 Judy, go ahead.

20 MS. STEPHENSON: I just wanted to clarify. So
21 right now the town boundary that separates Orleans and
22 Eastham, the National Seashore USA doesn't claim that
23 they own any of that; is that correct?

24 MR. SPAULDING: I don't think that the National

1 Seashore has any position on the town boundary. That's
2 between the towns.

3 MR. PRICE: Correct.

4 MR. SPAULDING: They have a position that they own
5 some of the land.

6 MR. PRICE: Yes, that is --

7 MS. AVELLAR: But if the boundary changes --

8 MR. PRICE: That doesn't matter.

9 MS. AVELLAR: It doesn't matter? Okay.

10 MR. SPAULDING: If the boundary changes, then
11 Eastham's bylaw prohibiting ORVs wouldn't be enforced if
12 it's in the Town of Orleans.

13 MS. STEPHENSON: Yes, but I still --

14 MR. PRICE: It wouldn't be enforced by the Town of
15 Eastham. The National Seashore has to make a decision
16 as to whether ORVs would be allowed on its property or
17 not, and we have to go through a NEPA process in order
18 to determine that. And we just expedited the NEPA
19 process for the shorebird management plan, and it took
20 us five years and I have no idea how much money.

21 MS. STEPHENSON: We may choose not to.

22 MR. DELANEY: So an attempt at a quick summary.
23 There are at least three issues, and probably more, but
24 one is the conservation commission wetlands management

1 piece, and you heard Lauren describe that. This is
2 assuming there are boundary and ownership issues that
3 the land courts will be dealing with. And then
4 potentially after the dust settles on both of those
5 there still may be a National Park need to do an off-
6 road vehicle management plan for that section of beach
7 which had not been included in the original negotiated
8 rulemaking ten or fifteen years ago because at that
9 point there was no need to because the bylaw in Eastham
10 said no ORVs, so there was no need to manage them. So
11 that still may come forward as a future issue, as George
12 just alluded to.

13 MR. SPAULDING: Well, if it's determined that the
14 Seashore, in fact, does own land out there, that will
15 come forward or we're not going to -- nobody's going to
16 be driving out there without the whole NEPA process.

17 MR. PRICE: NEPA, right.

18 MS. STEPHENSON: And out there you mean to the
19 point?

20 MR. SPAULDING: Right.

21 MS. STEPHENSON: Because I'm still clarifying that
22 Orleans may still have half of the spit with nobody
23 claiming they own it except Orleans.

24 MR. PRICE: So the Orleans boundary and the only

1 other person to claim it now is this --

2 MS. McKEAN: Hannah.

3 MR. PRICE: -- Hannah family.

4 MS. STEPHENSON: Near the point, right? At the
5 Orleans boundary?

6 MS. McKEAN: Yes.

7 MR. PRICE: Pretty close.

8 MS. STEPHENSON: So that will be in the Orleans
9 town?

10 MR. PRICE: Yes.

11 MS. McKEAN: (Inaudible).

12 MR. SPAULDING: Right.

13 MR. PRICE: I didn't put it on here, but it's
14 appropriate that I bring it up because it will probably
15 be hitting the news sooner than later, another topic
16 where the Park Service and Orleans are I think more
17 cooperative on. I was asked during the course of the
18 winter to attend a board of -- it was actually a joint
19 board of selectmen meeting about the possibility of some
20 dredging that could take place at the Nauset Marsh area,
21 specifically on the passageway out from Town Cove. And
22 I took a look at our legislation. I took a look at some
23 other topics, and my position basically is that if the
24 Town of Eastham and Orleans or just Orleans chooses to

1 dredge for a navigation channel because of public
2 safety, the National Park Service would support that.
3 That is pretty clear that, number one, safety and,
4 number two, navigation is the responsibility of the town
5 and the harbormasters. We did the exact same thing with
6 Chatham. So the Chatham area, whether it's in or
7 outside of the boundary, is the responsibility of the
8 town and with the Army Corps of Engineers, et cetera.

9 The issue with Chatham -- the issue with Orleans
10 would be where to put the dredge material because we're
11 not then agreeing that all dredge material would go
12 either in the boundary or on NPS property. So we always
13 play the stance -- Ted Keon, who's the head of the
14 natural resources down there -- on how to -- how and
15 where this would go.

16 I also said -- and I'll just mention it because
17 obviously the Town of Orleans has citizens that believe
18 different things, and that is there are some people that
19 believe that the dredging would actually assist with the
20 flushing and, therefore, the clarity of the water. Our
21 scientists do not believe that's the case, and that is
22 not something that we would support the dredging for.
23 Now, you might say it doesn't really matter because if
24 you're going to support it for navigation, then the

1 clarity or the quality is fine. That's neither here nor
2 there, but we do not believe that that is scientifically
3 sound discussion, that that's actually going to help.

4 And then the final caveat we mentioned at that
5 meeting was that it's such a dynamic system, everybody
6 has to question the wisdom of dredging as to how quickly
7 it's going to slip silt back in. Even at that meeting,
8 which I was meeting some of the people for the first
9 time -- even over the history of Orleans marking the
10 channel, sometimes the channel markers have to change
11 every week. So consequently, if the dredging is done,
12 it could be undone in a fairly short period of time, not
13 even waiting for the next storm.

14 So almost everything I just -- two-thirds of what I
15 just said, by the way, is outside of my knowledge base.
16 I'm just parroting what I've been told. So I don't
17 personally have expertise in navigational channels and
18 what happens with the silting. To me it's kind of
19 commonsense, but that's what I've been told by others.
20 So then if Orleans and Eastham want to pursue the
21 channel dredging, the only thing I'm here to say is that
22 if it's a public safety issue, we support it, and then
23 it's up for everybody else to try to figure it out. So
24 that hasn't changed. I bring it up because we just

1 received some documents from the town about some
2 proposals and studies just last week that we're taking a
3 look at, but that's really my position, and that hasn't
4 changed.

5 MR. DELANEY: And, George, I'll add that the
6 scientific staff at the Center for Coastal Studies
7 agrees with your scientific staff and assessment that
8 this is not a water quality improvement project even if
9 it were dredged. The dynamics are so dynamic -- the
10 process is so dynamic that you might wonder how long any
11 dredging will last. In fact, the inlet opening, the
12 change in the tidal prism might actually increase the
13 flow of sand into the area as opposed to what they think
14 they're going to achieve.

15 So again, a complicated set of science. But there
16 was a town vote in Orleans, and they are going to at
17 least take a look at it. So we'll see.

18 MR. PRICE: Right, okay.

19 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CENTENNIAL

20 MR. PRICE: I'd like to talk a number of things
21 about the Park Service Centennial.

22 EVERY KID IN A PARK - PROGRAM

23 MR. PRICE: The first thing, which is kind of a fun
24 thing -- you might have heard of it -- there's been a

1 national program announced that even the Secretary of
2 the Interior has gotten into. It's called *Every Kid in*
3 *the Park* for 2016.

4 I asked Sue Moynihan to give us a heads-up as to
5 what that's about and what does it mean for us.

6 MS. MOYNIHAN: So I'll attempt to relieve your
7 milkshake headache about the Nauset Spit with something
8 fun that you can easily wrap your minds around, I think.

9 How many of you have started hearing the radio ads
10 or TV ads about the Park Service Centennial? They're on
11 NPR. Subaru's a big sponsor. A lot of the promotional
12 materials have the tagline engaging the next generation
13 of Park stewards, and George I think has mentioned that
14 in previous meetings. And that's one of the big focal
15 points of the Centennial, which is passing the torch of
16 Park protection to young people. So a lot of the
17 activities that you'll see around the Centennial are
18 really focused on that audience. The Centennial
19 ambassadors, who are those -- what do you call them? --
20 the superstar ambassadors, the folks who are the SCAs.

21 MR. PRICE: The SCAs?

22 MS. MOYNIHAN: No, not the (inaudible) volunteers.
23 Whoever the folks out there in popular culture. There
24 are some musicians and --

1 MS. AVELLAR: Are they famous people?

2 MS. MOYNIHAN: They're very famous people who have
3 signed on to help promote the Centennial. There are
4 young people who I don't know, but my kids know of them.
5 There's a lot of use of social media, Instagram,
6 Facebook, platforms that we don't even know exist but
7 young people are using, and then this other very fun
8 program which George mentioned. It's called *Every Kid*
9 *in a Park*, and it launched in September.

10 And it's got really three legs to it. It's like a
11 three-legged stool. First of all, one leg is the
12 education programs that parks are already doing, and you
13 know we've had a long-standing *Parks as Classrooms*
14 program that focuses on sequential visits to the
15 National Seashore with our staff for primary grades all
16 the way up through high school. So those education
17 programs are going to continue. There's also
18 transportation money as part of this initiative to get
19 kids to parks for their classroom visits.

20 And then the part that you'll hear about on the
21 news which people are getting very excited about is the
22 park pass. The ambitious goal of the President's office
23 is to get every fourth-grader and their family onto
24 public lands, every family in the nation who has a

1 fourth-grader or a home-schooled 10-year-old into
2 federal lands in 2016. So if you go online to
3 everykidinapark.gov and you do a fun little activity and
4 you give your zip code, you print out a voucher that
5 looks like this (indicates), and you take it to any
6 federal lands, and you can get it traded in for a
7 durable pass like the America the Beautiful passes that
8 some of you have or the senior passes.

9 So this is a free program. If you have any friends
10 who are teachers, if you have any friends or if you have
11 neighbors who are in fourth grade, this is the best deal
12 going because these kids and their families -- and the
13 kids have to be with the car. You can't just take
14 advantage of your fourth-grade neighbor and then you
15 take their pass and come to the Park. When they visit
16 the Park, the kid will need to be in the car because the
17 kid owns the pass. But the pass is good for a year, all
18 the way through August 31 of 2016. There are some
19 rumblings that this is just the first of many years that
20 this initiative will be underway.

21 So right away on September 2 we had a couple of
22 kids show up and get their passes, and I'll leave these
23 materials with you guys to pass around. And we feel --
24 we're very excited about it. We feel like it's very

1 complementary to what we're already doing, which is to
2 educate the kids within the Seashore boundary about the
3 resources that are here, and we'll be really excited to
4 see a lot of people from other areas coming into the
5 Seashore this summer with their passes for free
6 admission. And it's not just limited to national parks.
7 It's also the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and
8 Wildlife Service, and U.S. Forest Service areas.
9 Anywhere that a federal entrance fee is charged, these
10 passes are good.

11 MR. DELANEY: That's great.

12 Lilli?

13 MS. GREEN: Have you let the fourth-grade classes
14 in the towns, the Seashore towns know?

15 MS. MOYNIHAN: Yes. Our launch comes September 1.
16 Not terrific timing for our education programs because
17 we don't really communicate with teachers until the
18 second or third week of school. I guess the word is out
19 there. There's also a provision here where a teacher
20 can go online and do the activity for the whole class,
21 and then everybody in the class gets a voucher. So yes,
22 we are spreading the word. We sent out a press release
23 that some of you -- all of you probably received. We
24 posted it on Facebook and Twitter. We're really trying

1 to get the word out. It's a fantastic, fantastic
2 program.

3 MR. PRICE: Thank you, Sue.

4 MR. DELANEY: Thank you, Sue. That was terrific.
5 Any other comments or questions?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. DELANEY: It's absolutely critical to get the
8 next generation of people involved in our parks and our
9 conservation movements to students, so thank you.

10 MR. PRICE: One of the things that people have
11 noticed is that a lot of Park visitors, it's an aging
12 population. So you'll be glad to know that Elizabeth
13 and her brother were at Shenandoah National Park. My
14 daughter's taking advantage of seeing our parks.

15 Just more things on the Centennial. So you're
16 certainly all aware that the Friends of Cape Cod
17 National Seashore donated \$100,000 towards the painting
18 of the Penniman House, which is kind of one of our
19 landmark projects. What I also wanted to mention,
20 though, is as a result of us being able to demonstrate
21 that we had a Friends group ante up \$100,000, the
22 federal regional office through their Centennial
23 initiative matched it with another \$100,000, and we've
24 since also had additional monies put in our account to

1 go beyond the house, do the shutters, do the fence, do
2 some of the landscaping in the yard. And we most
3 recently learned that we'll be also teeing up in 2017
4 with even the barn. So basically that will give us an
5 entire complex right there that will be totally -- have
6 a facelift and a rehab. And our next step is working on
7 pricing out what it would take to do the interior of the
8 structure.

9 So that that would really be, I think, a
10 significant improvement for one of our very important
11 historic cultural resources for sure.

12 MS. AVELLAR: \$100,000 to paint a house?

13 MR. PRICE: 200,000.

14 MS. AVELLAR: That's crazy.

15 MR. PRICE: You're right.

16 MS. AVELLAR: Who's hiring? I mean, I can't
17 imagine that it costs \$200,000 to paint a house.

18 MS. LYONS: Well, my little house cost like 25,000.

19 MS. AVELLAR: Yeah, but I mean, 100,000?

20 MR. PRICE: No, two.

21 (Laughter.)

22 MS. AVELLAR: I mean, have these gone out to bid?

23 MR. PRICE: They will. Actually, they did.

24 MS. MOYNIHAN: There's also a lot of repair. If

1 you see the architecture --

2 MS. AVELLAR: Yeah, yeah, I know.

3 MS. LYONS: It's replacing boards. That's what
4 happened to me too.

5 MR. NUENDEL: And shutters.

6 MS. AVELLAR: The shutters were separate. They
7 weren't even included. That's extra money.

8 MR. NUENDEL: Oh.

9 MS. AVELLAR: No, they got extra money after the
10 two. I'm glad I have a brick house.

11 MR. DELANEY: No, no, continue.

12 MR. PRICE: Well, I think my point -- yes, it's a
13 lot of money, and that's the government process to get
14 there, but what it also -- I think our point or our
15 success was the fact that this actually provided enough
16 seed money to get enough attention and enough enthusiasm
17 from our regional counterpoints in order to ante up
18 funds for some of these other projects because what we
19 were going to end up with, Mary-Jo, was just a painted
20 house without shutters and without landscaping and a
21 rotted fence and a falling down barn. So now the fact
22 that we'll have an entire campus all set up and
23 everything is really something that we're very excited
24 about.

1 MR. DELANEY: Judy?

2 MS. STEPHENSON: Where do you get the -- where did
3 the extra money come from? What sources that are
4 regional partners?

5 MR. PRICE: Well, it's from the region, and the
6 region has various sources that they get them through.
7 And the region has an initiative in order to do
8 improvements throughout the region for the Centennial.
9 So everybody's wrapping themselves around this as the
10 Centennial project. So that's where it's at.

11 MS. STEPHENSON: Okay.

12 MR. PRICE: We also, as we have talked in the past,
13 have a number of other what we're calling facelift
14 projects. We've done a master sign plan. A lot of our
15 signs as you ride around -- I mean, we see these signs
16 every day, but if you're an outside visitor, a lot of
17 them look pretty worn and it certainly doesn't look very
18 tended to. So we'll be putting money towards that over
19 time.

20 We have some other things that probably aren't that
21 sexy per se. We'll be working on some parking lots.
22 We'll be replacing in kind at Marconi parking lot here,
23 Race Point parking lot in Provincetown, and we'll also
24 be rehabbing the Head of the Meadow bike path in Truro

1 in 2017.

2 MS. BURGESS: Oh, good.

3 MR. PRICE: So that will be our last bike trail
4 that we'll be fixing up. If you recall, we spent a lot
5 of money on almost the 8-mile bike trail in Provincetown
6 over a couple of years. We did the one here in Eastham.
7 We finished up last year. So now this section we'll be
8 doing in Truro, which we feel really, really good about.

9 And although it's not technically a Centennial
10 project, I mentioned to Mary-Jo before the meeting --
11 drumroll, please -- that we just found out the end of
12 last week -- did you know this?

13 MS. MOYNIHAN: I was at the meeting.

14 MR. PRICE: Oh, yeah, you were at the meeting.

15 -- that we've been told that the repair, Mr. Chair,
16 for the Herring Cove North parking lot -- I've said,
17 quote, that it's been submitted to our line item
18 construction program. It didn't have a priority. Now
19 it has a priority, number one for 2018. Number one
20 nationwide.

21 MS. GREEN: Wow.

22 MS. LYONS: Wow.

23 MS. BURGESS: Wow. Boy, those people in
24 Provincetown know how to pressure.

1 MS. AVELLAR: That's great.

2 MR. PRICE: Well, one of the things I have to say
3 is, knowing -- for those of you that have heard me talk
4 about these projects, I've been around long enough to
5 know it doesn't matter what priority it is. From as far
6 out as 2018, something could always happen. So I'll
7 still put that caveat out there. However, that's
8 usually when we are further down on the list. So if
9 you're at 25, 55, 75 and you're looking at nationwide
10 priority, you certainly have to assume it could slip,
11 but the fact that it's number one nationwide, I've never
12 seen that before. So I think this has to do with some
13 of the people from Denver and Washington we took out on
14 the field trip a year ago August and had them see the
15 bathhouse and how successful that was and had them see
16 the parking lot. We know the parking lot is going to
17 have to be repaired after every winter.

18 So that those are really, really big things that
19 we're very excited about. We still have other beach
20 facility projects we need to worry about. Nauset Light
21 Beach, we're still talking to the same people about
22 that. That does not have a priority yet, and those are
23 very serious facilities that we haven't tied in, but as
24 far as this is concerned, that's very exciting.

1 MR. DELANEY: That's very exciting. And I would
2 suggest that the people from headquarters and from
3 Denver recognize that this project is exemplary in terms
4 of coastal resilience, sea level rise. We did
5 everything right in that project; moving back,
6 retreating back from the rising shoreline, restoring the
7 natural system so they could afford more natural
8 protection and still maintain the recreational asset
9 that the town wanted. Three winners in one project. So
10 I think that's probably being recognized as a model for
11 other parks.

12 MS. AVELLAR: And, you know, it goes without saying
13 how much we owe Sarah Peake for getting everyone
14 together so that we could have those meetings and get
15 this project underway. As somebody who was out there
16 probably twice a week in the summer, unless you get
17 there early -- like by 10 o'clock in the morning, the
18 farther north you have to go when the tide is high.
19 There's no beach left. I mean, anybody that doesn't
20 believe in sea level rise should take a ride out there
21 because there's less and less and less beach at the high
22 tide and people literally have to put their beach chairs
23 on the tarmac and have a line going down from their cars
24 so that they can get on the beach.

1 So I'm really excited, and I will report this back
2 with the other information to the selectmen this
3 evening.

4 MS. BURGESS: Is the plan to ultimately take up the
5 road that's there?

6 MR. PRICE: Yes. So if you'll recall, we presented
7 all of this.

8 MS. BURGESS: Right, we had a subcommittee.

9 MR. PRICE: But basically it's to remove all the
10 macadam that's there now; so what's left of the old
11 road, the parking lot, and the revetment. The dune was
12 determined to be a non-contributing dune, which is a
13 Graham Giese term. So that whole thing is going to be
14 level, and then a new lot would be built 125 feet back
15 and 25 feet higher so that it will be a much gradual,
16 very long beach. And then the goal, my goal, my
17 personal goal was that this should have at least a
18 50-year lifespan, which also was the goal for the
19 bathhouse.

20 So the bathhouse, you understand, the 50 years
21 doesn't necessarily mean in that spot because that was
22 designed so it potentially could be disassembled or
23 relocated. This should have the 50-year lifespan
24 incentive with the caveat that Graham says because of

1 all the dynamic sand accretion that's happening at the
2 Race. He's not exactly sure what -- they can't
3 determine the rate of erosion that's truly going to stay
4 constant over the next 50 or 100 years like they believe
5 it will at the Outer Cape down here. So down here it's
6 on average of three feet a year. At that location it's
7 about two and a half feet a year, but as more sand comes
8 up along the Race, it may stop and it may actually
9 accrete at some point. But again, that's all
10 theoretical. So unless we're able to look back 50 years
11 from now, we're not sure if the water is going to be
12 lapping up on the new lot or if we're going to have 150
13 feet.

14 MS. AVELLAR: Well, it will be some other
15 superintendent's worry, won't it?

16 MR. PRICE: Probably several between now and then.
17 (Laughter.)

18 MS. GREEN: So the land is eroding at Herring Cove?

19 MR. PRICE: No, the land is eroding in Eastham,
20 Wellfleet, and Truro --

21 MS. GREEN: Right, right, right.

22 MR. PRICE: -- and heading out towards
23 Provincetown.

24 MS. GREEN: Yes, I understand that, but you just

1 said something about the accretion at Race Point, but
2 Herring Cove is not impacted by erosion? Or is it?

3 MR. PRICE: Herring Cove doesn't have the same
4 erosion rate right now.

5 MS. GREEN: Two and a half feet. It's two and a
6 half feet.

7 And where is the sand going from Herring Cove? Is
8 it going towards Race Point?

9 MR. PRICE: No, it's going the other way towards
10 like Long Point, around that way, or it's going down
11 towards the ledge.

12 MS. GREEN: Okay, that's my question.

13 MR. DELANEY: Maureen's asked a question about the
14 non-contributing dune.

15 MR. PRICE: Yes.

16 MR. DELANEY: That means it's not an active part of
17 the natural ecosystem on the beach. If you were closer
18 to the beach, it would provide (inaudible) to the beach,
19 and that would be a contributing and a vital part of the
20 ecosystem who have a different set of regulations under
21 the Wetlands Protection Act and under the National Park
22 management.

23 MS. BURGESS: If it was contributing sand?

24 MR. PRICE: Yes.

1 MR. DELANEY: Yes, but that's nonconnected to the
2 beach phase because now there's a parking lot. So
3 there's no real -- no ecological connection from the
4 pile of sand.

5 MS. AVELLAR: People are convinced that once sand
6 washes up in the parking lot -- this is Provincetown
7 talking -- when sand washes up in the parking lot, the
8 Park Service doesn't put it back on the beach, that it
9 created this dune because there are pictures when that
10 used to be the road to Race Point. When I was a little
11 girl, it was flat as a pancake there. There was no dune
12 at all if you were heading north on the right-hand side
13 of the road. Totally flat. So everybody says why don't
14 they push the sand back on the beach. George says they
15 do, but everybody in Provincetown believes that they
16 don't. So that's why we have that.

17 MR. DELANEY: That is just the wind alone --

18 MS. AVELLAR: Yeah.

19 MR. DELANEY: -- pushes it right across the parking
20 lot and up onto the beach.

21 MR. PRICE: So, Maureen, the next time you're up
22 there, if you go towards the northern end of the lot,
23 just kind of walk out on the beach to where you can see
24 where the dune connects and continues going up towards

1 the Race Point Light. You will see the natural dune
2 configuration. So all things being equal, if there was
3 never a development of a recreational beach there,
4 that's where the dune would be and it would have
5 continued that way all down to the front of the current
6 bathhouse and reconnect south of the bathhouse. So over
7 time even before the beaches, there were other
8 industries up there and that sort of thing. So it's not
9 like just since the '50s and the '30s when they first
10 developed the beaches for tourism. There was industrial
11 work up there besides before that too.

12 So it's really been a disturbed area for a very
13 long time, and if you were to see where that other dune
14 line would be, that would have been the natural dune
15 configuration, okay?

16 MS. BURGESS: Thanks.

17 MR. PRICE: Just a couple of -- the Centennial is a
18 big one obviously. We're really trying to focus on some
19 substantial improvement that we believe our visitors
20 would actually see. There are some things that our
21 visitors will not see. For example, we learned last
22 year that we had some significant structural issues with
23 the Highland Light, and the Highland Light is basically
24 our number one cultural resource in the Seashore out of

1 our 70-some historic properties identified as cultural
2 resources. And we have been fortunate enough to receive
3 some support from our historic preservation work group
4 called HACE. And we now have -- basically over the
5 course of the next three years they'll be doing rehab up
6 there of the structure, of the tower itself, so we're
7 not going to be having a critical issue with the tower.

8 They actually did some preliminary repair last
9 spring just to make sure it was safe for visitors and
10 staff to go into it this summer. So it's a pretty old
11 tower, and it requires a lot of tender loving care, but
12 it's even more than that at this point.

13 MS. LYONS: How old is the tower?

14 MS. MOYNIHAN: 1857. Right, Maureen?

15 MS. BURGESS: Right, the original one was 1797.

16 MR. PRICE: And part of what we're dealing with is
17 in order to move the tower is quite a challenge. I
18 spoke to the Coast Guard engineer at the time. One of
19 the things they did was they packed like the bottom
20 third of the tower and they really sealed it up in order
21 to make it stable enough to be able to go ahead and move
22 it. It had no foundation, which I was really surprised
23 about. And a lot of that action actually we learned the
24 hard way sealed off the natural ventilation for the

1 structure itself so that that tower of brick is actually
2 three layers with air space in between that was allowing
3 for the ventilation of it. So once you seal off that
4 ventilation access, then it allowed for moisture to
5 build up and it created a lot of problems. So they're
6 having to go back and redo a lot of those things.

7 MS. BURGESS: So, George, do you think the
8 structural work will interfere with seasonal visitors?

9 MR. PRICE: We hope not but we don't know.

10 MS. MOYNIHAN: We're not sure yet.

11 MS. BURGESS: Until they get in there?

12 MS. MOYNIHAN: Yeah.

13 MR. PRICE: Yeah. It depends on the type of work.
14 Some of the work they're going to need to do can't be
15 done in the dead of winter because we'll be dealing with
16 certain applications of materials that have to be done
17 in warmer weather. Then the question will be: Is that
18 going to interfere? Will it be safe for visitors while
19 that stuff's being applied? We just don't know yet.

20 MS. BURGESS: Okay.

21 IMPROVED PROPERTIES/TOWN BYLAWS

22 MR. PRICE: How about let's do a quick -- we've
23 always had a standing list of improved properties and
24 town bylaws, although it's not a town bylaw. Lauren is

1 just going to give us a quick update on something we're
2 working on with Wellfleet about a potential new
3 communication tower.

4 MS. McKEAN: In your packet, you have a copy of the
5 letter that George sent on September 8 to the Cape Cod
6 Commission. There is a development of regional impact
7 review process that has just been initiated for a
8 90-foot multi-user monopole that would be located just
9 south of the Marconi entrance here at 724 Route 6. If
10 you know where that new handyman sign and water sign is,
11 it's that property down there right adjacent to the Rail
12 Trail and the Park boundary.

13 So there's a staff report that was really
14 well-written by the Cape Cod Commission staff. And the
15 letter basically supported their finding that the
16 viewshed, the scenic bay views from the Marconi Station
17 site platform are significant, and it would be
18 recommended or we -- and we would support some lowering
19 of the height of the monopole.

20 I attended a hearing last week at Wellfleet Town
21 Library. It was the first of the hearings, and the
22 public is not really aware of this process. So the
23 planning board was -- I think the Wellfleet Planning
24 Board was hoping to get people to be more aware that

1 this review was underway because they're not really sure
2 how the public does feel about this facility. And there
3 will be another hearing later this month that the Cape
4 Cod Commission will post as a subcommittee of the -- of
5 the commission that's reviewing it led by Roger Putnam
6 of Wellfleet.

7 MR. PRICE: Mary-Jo, just --

8 MR. DELANEY: Larry?

9 MR. SPAULDING: Who's the applicant?

10 MS. McKEAN: There are multiple applicants, but the
11 main applicant is something like Varsity Verizon
12 Wireless Communications. Yes, Varsity Wireless
13 Investors and Bell Atlantic Mobil.

14 MR. DELANEY: Joe?

15 MR. CRAIG: So this is a planning board issue and
16 not a zoning board issue?

17 MS. McKEAN: Yes. It's a planning board issue
18 because of the special -- the zoning bylaws with
19 telecommunications. They're specifically to be reviewed
20 by the planning board and the zoning board of appeals.

21 MR. CRAIG: Are you aware that it's federally
22 regulated that they have nothing to say about it, right?

23 MS. McKEAN: They are aware that -- they are aware
24 that it's a development in the regional impact, so the

1 Cape Cod Commission is the one that is holding the
2 hearings.

3 MR. CRAIG: It's like a 40B. They have nothing to
4 say about it.

5 MS. McKEAN: They have something to say about it if
6 it goes above their height, I guess, but it is above the
7 thresholds for the development of regional impact
8 because it's over the Commission's height limit.

9 MS. BURGESS: Are you saying this private utility
10 can trump anybody's concerns?

11 MR. CRAIG: Yeah, been through it in Chatham.

12 MS. McKEAN: The Telecommunications Act of 1994 was
13 pretty broad with that kind of authority to cite, and we
14 can seek alternatives, is pretty much where we can go.

15 MR. CRAIG: And a lot of conditions.

16 MR. DELANEY: And consequently, you might have
17 noticed a proliferation of towers all around our
18 landscape. Up and down Cape Cod, there are more and
19 more cell towers and radio towers, and they just sort of
20 come up. I know I'm driving down Route 6 and all of a
21 sudden, where did that one come from? So this is part
22 of the result of that really extensive power.

23 I'm glad -- I appreciate the Park raising concerns
24 in this letter. Thank you.

1 MR. PRICE: The other thing, just to let you all
2 know, some of us do care about viewsheds. And many
3 years ago when we were talking about the wind turbine
4 placements, we did a process -- Lauren and I worked with
5 the town planners, and we had workshops and public
6 meetings and talked to some of the board of selectmen at
7 the time at this end of the Cape. And what we were
8 looking at were viewsheds and would viewsheds really be
9 of concern for the placement of wind turbines, and
10 obviously it would or wouldn't depending on the
11 perspective. And just for your information, to let you
12 know in this area, what the committee did from here is
13 we basically went to the viewing platform at Marconi.
14 If you haven't been down there in a while, I suggest you
15 do. And basically, at least in the workshops that we
16 held that were certainly not what you would call binding
17 -- the board of selectmen put their imprimatur on it; it
18 was a workshop and it was feedback from all the
19 community people that participated at the time -- is
20 that our interest was, as you were at that platform,
21 certainly everything to the east for that viewshed and
22 everything directly back to the west where you can have
23 a direct view of the Cape Cod Bay was our primary
24 concern for protection, that if there was a National

1 Seashore experience, those would be the experiences that
2 we would choose to preserve. If you look farther to the
3 left if you're looking towards the bay, you already see,
4 for instance, our water tower, which is right here, and
5 some other towers in the distance. So it's already a
6 viewshed that's had some structures put on it. So for
7 instance, I'm not, other than just talking about
8 concerns really -- we're not trying to blackball per se.
9 It's just that for the previous discussion it seems to
10 be out of those two areas that we have identified in the
11 past.

12 MS. AVELLAR: I'd be happy if you didn't put a cell
13 tower at the airport.

14 MR. PRICE: If we did or didn't?

15 MS. AVELLAR: If you didn't. It's awful when
16 people are sitting -- you're sitting on the beach.
17 Every once in a while somebody can get cell service, and
18 you have to listen to their conversation. I'd be
19 thrilled if you didn't put one out there.

20 MR. PRICE: I was just approached by two long-term
21 Provincetown individuals about the safety issue of no
22 cell service.

23 MS. AVELLAR: Why don't you put a pay phone out
24 there or something?

1 MR. PRICE: Okay. So anyway I just wanted to raise
2 that as a just awareness for the Commission.

3 MR. DELANEY: Thank you.

4 MS. GREEN: I just wanted to clarify with Lauren.

5 Just to be clear, has this letter in this packet of
6 information been sent to the planning board in Wellfleet
7 and the board of selectmen and the town manager?

8 MS. McKEAN: No, actually, it hasn't. It was
9 hand-delivered to that meeting, and it was delivered to
10 town hall as well. The planning board has it, yes, and
11 the commission, but the administrator and the selectmen
12 do not.

13 MS. GREEN: Thank you.

14 HERRING RIVER WETLAND RESTORATION

15 MR. PRICE: Just on the Herring River wetland, I
16 just threw this in there. There was really a pretty
17 extensive article last Sunday, a week ago Sunday. Becky
18 Rosenberg's picture was right on the cover. Generally I
19 thought they covered a lot of the issues. There's a lot
20 of emotion about the Herring River. There were a
21 tremendous amount of people that recognize that it's
22 basically not a healthy situation the way it currently
23 exists at all, and it's just going to continue to
24 deteriorate. It's something that I don't think can be

1 overestimated. Obviously if we're going to do a
2 restoration and you're dealing with an area that's been
3 basically impaired for over 100 years and then
4 individuals were allowed to build on what had been
5 wetland. Therefore, they have personal property now
6 that would be impacted if the wetlands were to be
7 restored. In fact, there are some areas that are being
8 affected right now even without restoration because the
9 water table changes at sea level rise. So it's a very,
10 very complicated area. I thought Mary Ann Bragg did a
11 nice job talking to the different property owners and
12 expressing some of their points of view.

13 The exciting part about it from our perspective is
14 there was an announcement when someone at the state
15 presented the Friends of the Herring River with a check
16 for a million dollars, and that's going to be matched by
17 NOAA for another million dollars. So that's the Friends
18 of Herring River. Don Palladino is the president of
19 that group, and we really appreciate working with such a
20 professional organization.

21 HIGHLANDS CENTER UPDATE

22 MR. PRICE: The *Highlands Center Update*, Lauren's
23 been working on the demo of a number of buildings up
24 there.

1 When you go up in the Highlands Center, it's a good
2 news/bad news. The good news is the campus looks 100
3 percent better than it possibly did when I first
4 arrived. Lauren and AmeriCorps and the maintenance
5 people have been doing a great job, but there are still
6 some buildings that are in really awful shape. And
7 we've received some funds to demo the first two dorms on
8 the left that have way too much asbestos for us to deal
9 with them all and a number of other buildings.

10 MS. McKEAN: Including the old power plant as well.
11 And right now the Denver office is finalizing the scope
12 of work, so this fall they'll be putting out a contract.
13 We're very hopeful to have everything done by next June.

14 MR. PRICE: It seems like every time we turn around
15 the price on that project goes higher. And, by the way,
16 I forgot to tell you. The price tag for the Herring
17 River -- Herring Cove North parking lot is \$5.4 million.

18 MS. GREEN: What were the uses for the buildings
19 that you're going to be rehabbing at the Highlands
20 Center?

21 MR. DELANEY: Sorry. I didn't hear you. Say
22 again, Lilli.

23 MS. GREEN: What were the uses of the buildings
24 that are being rehabbed at the Highlands Center?

1 MS. McKEAN: These buildings that we're doing the
2 contract for right now are just being demolished and the
3 site restored just down to ground level. So we aren't
4 rehabbing with this funding, which is line item
5 construction like George was stating before. You set
6 aside a specific pot of money for demolition.

7 MR. DELANEY: Judy?

8 MS. STEPHENSON: I'm sorry I don't know this, but
9 what was the original reason for the dorms up there?

10 MS. McKEAN: It was an Air Force Station, and their
11 primary purpose was military radar and the development
12 of radar. We had several Texas Towers out at sea with
13 radomes on them.

14 MS. STEPHENSON: When were they built?

15 MS. McKEAN: Well, they were built in the '50s and
16 the '60s.

17 MR. PRICE: This was the Cold War era.

18 Judy, did you ever have to crawl under your desk?

19 MS. STEPHENSON: Of course. Of course.

20 MR. PRICE: Well, these were the guys that were
21 watching out for us at that time.

22 MS. STEPHENSON: I see.

23 MR. PRICE: So they had these Texas Towers out in
24 the North Atlantic and radar rays there. They didn't

1 have any armaments at this Air Force. This was all
2 information. And then by the '80s it was obsolete. By
3 the '90s it was mothballed, and that's when it was
4 turned over to the Seashore.

5 We have had very ambitious plans for adaptive reuse
6 of the entire campus, and unfortunately it hasn't gotten
7 off the ground the way that we hoped. So we just have a
8 handful of individual properties that have been fixed up
9 to this point.

10 MR. DELANEY: Maureen?

11 MS. BURGESS: May I ask a related question about
12 use at Highlands Center? Because as Truro starts to
13 have more events, what we run up against are the parking
14 issues. And two popular events right now are the
15 farmer's market and the ag fair. And recently the town
16 administrator said, "Gee, I wonder if we could have the
17 farmer's market up on the ball field at the Highlands
18 Center?" And I said because I remember you saying this,
19 I believe -- correct me if I'm wrong -- that monies
20 cannot be exchanged, and her reaction was "Well, what
21 about Payomet?" So I did ask Lauren, and we kind of
22 thought it was because it's technically an arts
23 facility.

24 MS. McKEAN: Yeah, it is a specific authority that

1 it's under, and that's interpretive and living exhibits
2 authority. So we have an agreement with them. It's
3 very different than issuing a permit for an activity
4 where there's money changing hands.

5 MS. BURGESS: And there would be no benefit to the
6 Park in that instance anyway. So you're probably going
7 to get asked from her.

8 MR. PRICE: Okay. People ask all the time.

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10 MR. PRICE: So frankly, two things, I guess.
11 Number one, this is generally the report that is I think
12 a nice piece that we'd like to do next about Climate
13 Friendly Parks.

14 And we need to set up the video for that, so, Mr.
15 Chair, we could actually stand up and stretch in place.
16 If anybody had any other general questions about the
17 Seashore over the summer or coming into the fall, we
18 could entertain that while we set it up.

19 MS. McKEAN: I'm not the best at this either.

20 (Discussion off the record.)

21 MR. DELANEY: Let's back up one step. You finished
22 your report?

23 MR. PRICE: Yes.

24 MR. DELANEY: And asked for any other topics to be

1 discussed?

2 MR. PRICE: Yes.

3 MR. DELANEY: And, Lilli, you wanted to raise a
4 topic?

5 MS. GREEN: I just wanted to know what plans there
6 were for the Highlands Center at this point and --

7 MR. PRICE: Yes. So basically since we took over
8 the facility, basically the concept always was that it
9 would be developed as a campus for education, art and
10 science. That's been the theme. And there's been a
11 standing nonprofit called the Highlands Center,
12 Incorporated. And since that was established, we've
13 gone through multiple executive directors, multiple
14 members of the board, and we actually have many, many
15 plans on the shelf that would approach these things.
16 Unfortunately, they haven't taken hold, and the last
17 director, president of the board we haven't seen in a
18 while. So it's a great idea. It's something that could
19 happen, but there's certainly nothing active right now.

20 So what we're trying to do is we're trying to
21 button the place up so that it's as safe as possible.
22 We have developed a number of the buildings ourselves
23 just for the NPS. So currently we have a science
24 laboratory that we'll be testing. We have a classroom

1 that we do activities. We have our own offices for the
2 majority of our natural resource and science staff in
3 the old commissary. We then have two or three of the
4 buildings that are basically maintenance storage
5 facilities. We're just putting a roof on one that was
6 falling apart. We then have agreements with Payomet to
7 do their tent. They have an option on Building 5, which
8 is the old Officers' Club, which is right adjacent to
9 their tent that they're interested in pursuing. There
10 might be another space that they're interested in
11 pursuing as well. And then in the back, if you're
12 familiar with Castle Hill, it has the wood-fired kiln
13 that they've been doing.

14 So that's the core that we actually have off the
15 ground at this point. We've spent a lot of time and a
16 lot of effort trying to get interest beyond that, and we
17 have not been successful at this point.

18 MS. GREEN: Thank you.

19 MR. DELANEY: Other questions of the
20 superintendent?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. DELANEY: By the way, in case you think the
23 Park has not been busy since our last meeting, look at
24 the impressive amount of press that has been generated

1 by activities here at Cape Cod National Seashore.

2 MS. LYONS: Have you counted how many people
3 visited? Has that been calculated? Has it increased,
4 decreased from last year?

5 MR. PRICE: Because we had such a miserable winter
6 and spring, even though we had an uptick at the start of
7 the better weather, the last I checked we were still
8 pretty flat. I thought it was interesting. The paper
9 yesterday declared victory on the very productive
10 commercial season. I've talked to different people in
11 the motel business, and I understand it's a mixed
12 feedback.

13 Mary-Jo, do you know?

14 MS. AVELLAR: We were busy.

15 MR. PRICE: Busy?

16 MS. AVELLAR: Although not as busy -- I remember
17 when I first started working at (inaudible) we always
18 closed at 11 o'clock every single night from the Fourth
19 of July on. And we don't close -- we sometimes close
20 now at 10-10:30. But to me -- and I think it's just
21 because we have so many condominiums. People can eat at
22 home, but the people on the street, I mean, you can't
23 even walk anymore.

24 MS. LYONS: Just the line of cars every day coming

1 down.

2 MS. AVELLAR: It's unbelievable.

3 MS. LYONS: And then turning around and leaving.

4 MS. AVELLAR: And now they're on Bradford Street.

5 Now all these walkers are in the middle of the street on
6 Bradford Street, on bikes and on the side streets. So
7 people are there. So I think we were busy. John's not
8 complaining.

9 MR. PRICE: I don't know what our figures are yet.
10 The last time I checked I think we were pretty dead even
11 with last year.

12 MS. AVELLAR: Because I remember doing the same
13 amount of baking every day, so they're eating dessert.

14 MR. PRICE: Okay.

15 MR. DELANEY: Okay, so now -- thank you, Lauren --
16 Climate Friendly Parks.

17 MS. McKEAN: Climate Friendly Parks. We have some
18 great news. We have a green team. We have
19 representatives from each division on the green team. I
20 think we've given you reports in the past. Not often.
21 We recently calculated our production of greenhouse
22 gases from 2011 through 2014 and found we had a 90
23 percent decrease. So we're really in good shape towards
24 our 2020 goal of 20 percent decrease. We wanted to

1 exceed that, but we wanted to also be realistic. And
2 probably later today -- so I'd ask not to get into all
3 the details on the solar contract, but we're releasing
4 the solar contract today for about 90 panels at the
5 Highlands Center, 40 on the classroom building, and 50
6 on the bio lab roof. So that's really exciting. I
7 think it's going to be -- I meant to say it's going to
8 be a 28-kilowatt facility producing about 35,000
9 kilowatt hours a year. So that's really exciting. It's
10 our first standalone solar project, but you'll see some
11 of the other things we've had implemented.

12 This is hot off the press.

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14 (Video is shown.)

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16 (Applause.)

17 MR. PRICE: By the way, that man is Jack Shields.
18 I think he rides his bike to the office every day,
19 except in the deepest snow days. I've seen him here in
20 the snow and the rain. He lives down near Nauset Beach
21 and takes the bike trail.

22 So anyway I wanted you to see that. We've been
23 doing a lot of green things that are going on our
24 YouTube site and available to the public on a whole

1 number of different topics, and one specifically just
2 about the green team.

3 And then I didn't want to have it slip unnoticed,
4 but you did hear that Lauren also talked about the fact
5 that we got some solar panels in place. The contract's
6 in place for the solar panels. So this then gets added.
7 So we'll have the solar panels on these two roofs as
8 well as the one up at Herring Cove Wharf. And we still
9 have other places that we'll look at.

10 One of the things that I just want to pass on to
11 you -- and I have no idea where this is going to go, but
12 Mary-Jo knows at the spring meeting when I attended the
13 board of selectmen meeting in Provincetown the chair of
14 the board of selectmen asked us to continue to pursue
15 the possibility of solar panels even at the town
16 landfill, which is actually on Park Service property.
17 We've gone round and round on this as far as the
18 complexity of how money gets transferred because we've
19 had other people come to us with ideas and then want to
20 use that money that gets generated for other things,
21 which legally we can't do. And I said to them, "If we
22 put solar panels on the town landfill up there like a
23 lot of the other towns have done, including my Town of
24 Barnstable, we wouldn't be able to share those revenues.

1 It would still just offset the bills for the National
2 Seashore." And the board of selectmen said at the time,
3 "That's fine as long as in Provincetown it's going
4 green."

5 So that is something we'll take a look at.
6 However, I've got to tell you, just as there are a lot
7 of critics of wind turbines in the national parks,
8 there's a lot of critics of solar panels, which also
9 then cover that many acres of the habitat and
10 environment as well. Those are the issues that we'll
11 have to face, but I did want to let you know that that's
12 where we are with that. Lauren's worked on getting
13 contracts in place, and in this era of everything we do
14 on our side to get anything done is pretty intense and
15 has to be doggedly followed in order to actually get it
16 across the finish line.

17 MR. DELANEY: George, you might just tell us a
18 little bit more about the recent addition to going
19 green, which is the work at the Highland Golf Course.

20 MR. PRICE: Oh, that's right. Did you see that in
21 the paper?

22 MR. NUENDEL: Yes.

23 MR. PRICE: There were a couple of nice articles
24 about that, and again, the first article I thought was

1 very complimentary. It talked about George Price being
2 the leader in it, and actually I said at the press event
3 it was the staff that brought me to the table because it
4 was Sophia Fox and it was Mary Hake who had talked about
5 the landscape. Lauren obviously is talking about
6 sustainable issues all the time. So here we had a
7 brand-new concessionaire on the golf course, Johnson
8 Golf. They operate about six golf courses in
9 southeastern Massachusetts, including picked up the
10 contract in Chatham. So I didn't want to be in a
11 position to insist that they use organic material if,
12 number one, it's not required in their contract and if
13 it was going to have an impact or expensive twist to
14 their operation.

15 And the background is I worked on the grounds of
16 the golf course for 11 years when I was in junior high,
17 high school, and college, so I've been there, done that.
18 So I have a sense of what these golf courses need in
19 order to keep themselves going. But Sophia and Mary
20 found this fellow, Chip Bishop, who had already been
21 working on green landscape issues elsewhere with the
22 Park Service.

23 Pardon?

24 MS. McKEAN: Chip Osbourne.

1 MR. PRICE: Chip Osbourne. Chip Bishop is the
2 marketing guy. I'm sorry, Chip Osbourne. And he
3 actually lives on the North Shore, so he lives here in
4 Massachusetts, but he's been working nationally on these
5 initiatives. He met with the Johnson Golf people. They
6 were intrigued by his approach, and they on their own
7 now have decided to do a pilot project on the entire
8 green and fairway and tee area at the Highland Links and
9 see what happens and then not only implement it
10 elsewhere on their golf course but implement it in their
11 other golf courses as well.

12 You also may know that there already is a 100
13 percent organic golf course out on Martha's Vineyard
14 that has been organic for 10 or 15 years. I learned
15 that that was the condition of that golf course being
16 designed, and they have been very successful with that.
17 So we've been in contact with them as well.

18 So that is really something because we spend a lot
19 of time talking about things and what gets added to the
20 environment. There's probably no larger volume of stuff
21 that gets added to our environment throughout the Cape
22 aquifer than fertilizers on lawns if you take a look at
23 the volume of material that gets put down. So here for
24 golf courses to lead the way to this kind of an organic

1 philosophy is probably a really good way to go. So you
2 need to know that. I thought it was important for you
3 to understand the dynamic just within the staff. These
4 people have already identified this as a possibility,
5 and people at Johnson Golf were very receptive. That's
6 how it got off the ground.

7 MR. DELANEY: That's great. Well, we've asked for
8 an update on the Climate Friendly Parks a couple of
9 times, and this was well worth hearing about.
10 Congratulations all the way around. It's pretty
11 exciting stuff.

12 Unless there are other questions for the
13 superintendent, I'm going to ask for us to move to Item
14 No. 6, *Old Business*.

15 **OLD BUSINESS**

16 **LIVE LIGHTLY CAMPAIGN PROGRESS REPORT**

17 MR. DELANEY: Mark Robinson, who has been heading
18 up the Live Lightly Campaign, is not here today, but I'm
19 sure he's working hard on soliciting other individuals
20 or partners to join that campaign. So we'll stand by
21 for his report next time, and we'll move to *New*
22 *Business*.

23 Would anyone, any member like to raise a new issue
24 that we haven't tackled yet?

1 MS. BURGESS: Could we just go back one to *Old*
2 *Business*?

3 MR. DELANEY: We can go back to *Old Business*. I
4 moved too quickly for you. Sorry.

5 MS. BURGESS: When I was reading the minutes, it
6 brought to mind again the hydro-clamming, and I was
7 wondering if there was anything new on that.

8 MR. PRICE: So two things. Number one, you recall
9 all the activity last year. Basically the hydro-
10 clamming season was over. We sent our letters to the
11 state. They're in the process of replacing the head
12 fellow for fisheries in Massachusetts. I don't remember
13 if that's happened yet or not.

14 MR. DELANEY: On Thursday a fellow named David
15 Pierce was appointed to the position of commissioner of
16 the Division of Marine Fisheries.

17 MS. AVELLAR: By Baker? By Governor Baker?

18 MR. DELANEY: By Governor Baker. No, no, by an
19 independent commission, independent -- who's independent
20 of the Governor.

21 MS. AVELLAR: Okay.

22 MR. DELANEY: Quite an interesting piece of state
23 government. So Dan McKiernan was the other candidate,
24 and Dan is the person who's been working with us on this

1 issue. But it's time to bring -- I think you're going
2 to say maybe it's time to bring it back in front of the
3 new commissioners potentially.

4 MR. PRICE: Yes. So basically -- basically there
5 was a hiatus because it was known that the previous
6 commissioner was retiring, and he had been there for a
7 real long time. Dan McKiernan has been there a real
8 long time and knows the issues, but there wasn't really
9 the opportunity to bring it up. When the Secretary of
10 Environmental Affairs and Energy was here with
11 Representative Peake and they presented a check to the
12 Herring River, I did happen to drop comment in, in a
13 pretty fresh way about the hydro-clamming and that was
14 something he was going to hear more about. But
15 basically it wasn't appropriate to bring it up at that
16 particular time. But I think you're right. So
17 basically, no, I wasn't aware that they did have a
18 replacement.

19 MR. DELANEY: It's still an issue that needs to be
20 attended to.

21 MS. LYONS: It is. The commissioners actually
22 wrote a letter to the Division of Marine Fisheries in
23 regards to the hydro-clamming. I'll send a copy of that
24 to you and George, and you can just -- it was a very

1 well done letter, quite frankly. I wish I could say I
2 wrote it, but I didn't. But anyway just Friday I was at
3 the Selectmen's Association meeting, and that came up.
4 And so they are all, all 15 towns, all of the boards are
5 now discussing writing something as well just to say
6 that this is a practice that they really don't endorse
7 and should be monitored, et cetera.

8 So it's kind of late for them to be weighing in,
9 but it's not too late for next year and to have that
10 voice be heard. So it's still in people's awareness and
11 maybe a little too late, but it's getting done.

12 MR. PRICE: Another point, Rich, just a point of
13 information. I obtained the information that was in my
14 letter from sources who were very close to the actual
15 activity, and on the first response back, specifically
16 from the clamming community, they poked holes in a
17 couple of the facts I was using. For instance, the
18 depth that the rakes actually go and disturb the
19 surface, I had been told it was like eight to twelve
20 inches, I believe, or whatever I said, and they're
21 claiming no, they're set at like five inches. To our
22 marine biologist, Dr. Sophia Fox, that's immaterial
23 because it's really those top few inches which is really
24 where the marine life rests, but I think even before I

1 send out a new verbiage we'll check it with your
2 scientists to make sure we're on a factual basis with
3 what's going on. Because what happens is that's a great
4 distraction. If one letter has one fact that's a little
5 bit off and there's a dispute, then that becomes the
6 talking point, and that's not at all what we're
7 interested in pursuing.

8 MR. DELANEY: And while this has been a spotlight
9 issue for Provincetown because they had back then proved
10 illegal hydro-dredging in the wrong places and citations
11 issued -- and there's some mapping and some photographic
12 evidence of this -- this is an issue in the whole state
13 of Massachusetts. Hydro-dredging is allowed on much of
14 the coast, especially for clams, and the issue, of
15 course, is habitat destruction in the process.

16 So this won't go away. I'd like to see the letter,
17 Sheila.

18 MS. LYONS: Yeah, I'll make sure that I get that to
19 you.

20 MR. PRICE: And, of course, as Mark Borrelli said
21 up at the Center of Coastal Studies, because the 180-
22 foot ledge is so close to Herring Cove Beach, it's like
23 less than a mile out. There's a drop of 180 feet, that
24 then once that sand gets put out into the water column,

1 it's just as likely that sand's going to flow over the
2 edge as opposed to remain in the system to replenish the
3 coast, and therefore, it could accelerate the erosion.
4 That's really what bothered me.

5 MR. DELANEY: Don?

6 MR. NUENDEL: Just one question about this
7 hydro-clamming. When I was reading the minutes, we
8 spent a little bit of time on that at the last meeting.
9 I thought I remembered reading that once they go through
10 an area they can't go back for a few years. Am I making
11 that up?

12 MR. PRICE: Well, there's no legal prohibition.
13 It's just to allow --

14 MS. AVELLAR: They clean it out.

15 MR. DELANEY: They wipe it out.

16 MR. PRICE: They clean it out. And it's to get the
17 sea clams back for the next harvest, but the contention
18 that I've heard from the people in the know is that it
19 wipes out all the other species. So razor clams, soft
20 shell clams, the rest of the species are gone.

21 MR. NUENDEL: For one species?

22 MR. PRICE: Right, for one. Right.

23 MS. AVELLAR: You should see the stacks of crates
24 on MacMillan Pier. I mean, they're six, seven feet tall

1 with semi tractor-trailers down there taking them away.
2 These people are greedy. They're horrible.

3 MR. PRICE: So it gets to be really murky. Our
4 legislation says it's up to the town and, therefore, the
5 state to manage shellfishing. However, it's against
6 Park Service management practices to manage for a single
7 species. And unlike the rest of the boundary of the
8 Seashore where down here our boundary goes out a quarter
9 of a mile, the state has jurisdiction on the ocean bed
10 down here. That particular area in Provincetown, the
11 United States actually owns in fee out to a quarter of a
12 mile because that was the deed that was transferred to
13 us by the state in the 1960s. So it actually is federal
14 property, but still what's shellfishing and what's
15 destruction of the environment? And that's what would
16 have to be demonstrated.

17 MR. DELANEY: Okay, stay tuned for more.

18 Any other old business?

19 (No response.)

20 MS. LYONS: No, but I would like to just say
21 something about national parks in general.

22 I was in Montana this past August, and I went there
23 to do my hike, which I wanted to recreate this memorable
24 experience I had last year at Glacier Park. And as I

1 landed -- my brother has a house not far from Glacier
2 Park. And as I landed, it was their first day of high
3 hazard air quality warning, and they were encouraging
4 everyone to go in because of the forest fire smoke. So
5 what had happened is the California fires, Canadian
6 fires went through Washington, really did a number on
7 Idaho and jumped over to Glacier Park as I got there.
8 They did get that under control by the time I had left,
9 so now would be a nice time to go according to people
10 there. But while I was there -- and I had pictures.
11 I'll send them. You can just forward them. I have a
12 picture of a view -- I sent them to Rich -- a view of my
13 brother's, you know, from his deck. So you can see the
14 valley, and then there were these beautiful mountains
15 beyond. And the time I was there in the days that were
16 really bad, you literally couldn't see from here to
17 maybe the entrance of the building. That's about as far
18 as you could see. The sky was -- it felt like sort of a
19 nuclear winter. The sky was kind of a brownish yellow.
20 The sun, if it was able to be seen, because of the
21 thickness of the smoke, not cloud cover, you know, it
22 also had a very strange color to it. At night the moon
23 would be like a blood red.

24 So it was an unfortunate experience in that I never

1 really did get out of the house much. You could not go
2 out. As part of my sinus problem, it seems like it's a
3 continuation of it, and, you know, your eyes were bad.
4 Your breathing was affected immediately. So it was
5 really bad. And what was surprising to me is that
6 nobody -- when I came back, nobody was really aware of
7 the severity of the forest fires. And a third of our
8 country -- and you're talking about climate change -- is
9 burning. Now, it hit the papers this weekend because of
10 the devastation in California and the entire communities
11 and households, which had been happening, but they were
12 smaller villages, smaller towns, say like the size of
13 Truro, wiped out in Idaho. So livestock. And it's
14 going to have a devastating economic impact on the whole
15 country as they have to go through this because they
16 depend on tourism. A lot of the people who are there
17 struggle for those -- you know, those people that want
18 to do the Whitewater rafting and the (inaudible) sails,
19 and you're not going to go there to look at a bunch of
20 burned sticks even if they're able to manage this.

21 The other thing that was very disturbing is that
22 they're really predicting that this is going to be kind
23 of a perpetual thing the way the forest fires are going.
24 It's not just annual and extended, but they're beginning

1 to fear that this is just going to be going on and on.
2 Some of it's not a bad thing because it's healthy
3 growth, but the majority of it is a bad thing. And I
4 think that we as citizens really have to look. The fact
5 that we had this conversation, you know, I think back in
6 the 1970s -- I think it was 1970 was our first Earth
7 Day, and that's when the country seemed to be united and
8 enlightened that we had a problem and we were taking the
9 initiative to take it, and over time the powers that be
10 and money and media has been able to manipulate and
11 stifle that conversation where I actually felt very
12 depressed when I was there because I said is this -- you
13 know, this is like another indication. I mean, I
14 actually was fearing like are we going to be seeing the
15 end of this. And we're a species too. There were five
16 species that were put on this endangered list, and I
17 think that we could add ourselves there, but nobody
18 really wants to admit that.

19 So that's my little editorial and comment on that,
20 but it was devastating. The national parks are under a
21 lot of stress, and it's not just here but it's
22 everywhere. And they need our support.

23 MS. AVELLAR: Is Glacier Park western Montana?

24 MS. LYONS: Yes, it's northern -- northern -- yeah,

1 northern west. It's about 60 miles from Canada. You
2 can see Big Mountain, Big Sky from there, but it's not
3 part of the Big Sky.

4 MR. PRICE: Just as a caveat to that, I just want
5 to mention I think we've had Dave Crary here before
6 talking about our fire management program, and depending
7 on the weather conditions, we could have those same wind
8 conditions here.

9 MS. LYONS: Absolutely.

10 MR. PRICE: With all the development that we've had
11 in the United States in the Northeast, we haven't had
12 those extreme weather conditions, but we could get
13 there. I have to tell you, there was a time -- I forget
14 which year it was -- the teens or the '20s -- there was
15 a fire that went from Concord, New Hampshire, to the
16 Atlantic Coast. Half of Mount Desert Island and Acadia
17 were burned. A lot of Plymouth County was burned in one
18 fire.

19 And we probably have the most amount of vegetation
20 on Cape Cod since Europeans settled here. If you take a
21 look at the Penniman House we just talked about, you
22 won't see any trees. When the Penniman girls were
23 having a party and that was lit up, you could see it
24 throughout the Cape. There were no trees. If you read

1 Henry David Thoreau's walks, there were no trees.

2 MS. LYONS: Right.

3 MR. PRICE: So once agriculture went, once horse
4 farming went, once all that went, all of the scrub pine
5 -- there's a picture of the staff out here in 1980. In
6 back of the headquarters, you can see the ocean. So
7 it's all happened fairly quickly, and even though we're
8 doing prescribed burns trying to manage our understory,
9 Dave will tell you we're not even close to keeping it
10 up.

11 MS. LYONS: No, and I really felt whenever you went
12 out, if you went into a store -- if you did venture out,
13 if you went to a store or you went to the gym, you could
14 smell this smoke everywhere you were. So when I came
15 back here, in looking at the conditions -- and I'm sort
16 of settled right on the edge of the National Seashore,
17 so I have nothing but woods behind me -- with the dry
18 conditions we've had -- and that was Montana's
19 situation. They've had 0.1 percent of rain in the last
20 six months. So they would have these lightning storms
21 go through with no rain and strike off these fires. So
22 smelling the campfires down at the ocean at night, you
23 know, that smell actually kind of gave me a panicked
24 feeling, and whenever I smell it now, I do start

1 thinking is that somebody's campfire or is there
2 something going on out there because it goes very fast.
3 And it's very deadly, and wildlife is being destroyed.
4 It's just a very sad situation.

5 So I just thought I'd give you that bad -- that
6 good news, a little cheerful thought as we go out.

7 MR. DELANEY: Thanks for sharing. And it does put
8 the whole thing, issue about parks are wonderful in
9 themselves.

10 MS. LYONS: Yes.

11 MR. DELANEY: But we don't live in isolation from
12 the rest of the environment.

13 MS. LYONS: Right.

14 MR. DELANEY: And everything that George and the
15 green stuff that's going in has to be replicated
16 throughout the country. And the world, for that matter.

17 **NEW BUSINESS**

18 MR. DELANEY: Let me move on to the next item,
19 which is New Business.

20 (No response.)

21 MR. DELANEY: No, new business? All right.

22 **DATE AND AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**

23 MR. DELANEY: Let's move to *Date and Agenda for*
24 *Next Meeting*, which has already been set. I hope -- as

1 George explained, they're making an executive decision
2 about that date. I hope everyone can attend. It will
3 be an important meeting.

4 It also, by the way, will be our 300th meeting.

5 MS. LYONS: Wow.

6 MR. DELANEY: We've talked about this two or three
7 times. Let me just suggest, just to make this
8 manageable, perhaps we could -- unless anyone has
9 another idea -- we should certainly invite Congressman
10 Keating to attend. He's already indicated he would like
11 to join us at some point. That certainly would mark it.
12 We are a federal advisory committee, and we are his
13 district. So I think that would be appropriate.

14 And then we should at least celebrate in some
15 modest way. Maybe perhaps a little reception at the end
16 of the day out here in the main room.

17 MR. PRICE: Or at the beginning while we're still
18 --

19 MR. DELANEY: Or the beginning, maybe the beginning
20 or after where we can invite local officials and past
21 members who have served on this committee to just join
22 us for, you know, some milk and cookies or something. I
23 said after because it could be wine and cheese.

24 MS. LYONS: Yes. We could go across the street to

1 do that.

2 MS. STEPHENSON: They might come with the wine and
3 cheese.

4 (Laughter.)

5 MR. DELANEY: So anyway, we had talked in the past
6 about -- and Mark Robinson is trying to get some more
7 scholarship money for Nickerson as a way to celebrate.
8 Maybe that will happen. That would be terrific.

9 MR. PRICE: Well, you can kind of take a look at
10 the 300th meeting as kind of where we're looking at the
11 Centennial for the Park Service. So we could give
12 ourselves more room over the course of the year if we
13 would like. If there is another type of landmark event
14 you all would like to do as opposed to force-feeding it
15 on the 16th, that's a possibility.

16 MR. DELANEY: The 300th and the 100th would go
17 together.

18 MR. PRICE: Right.

19 MR. DELANEY: Okay, unless there's someone else
20 that has a brilliant idea right now.

21 MS. BURGESS: It sounds nice.

22 MR. DELANEY: Keep it simple.

23 MS. BURGESS: Invite the town managers.

24 MS. STEPHENSON: Is George -- George, you're

1 suggesting we don't do something on the 16th?

2 MR. PRICE: No, no, no.

3 MR. DELANEY: No, maybe other opportunities in
4 addition to.

5 MS. STEPHENSON: In addition? Okay.

6 MR. PRICE: Yeah, in addition.

7 MS. STEPHENSON: Okay.

8 MS. LYONS: But I think it's important to highlight
9 the advisory committee because it is an important
10 committee. It is a community -- you know, it's the
11 partnership of the communities, and I think that that's
12 a good thing to reinstate and to remind people that
13 there is a partnership, not just working solo.

14 MR. DELANEY: That's a good point. And 300 is a
15 significant number for any organization.

16 MS. LYONS: Yes.

17 MR. DELANEY: But we also are somewhat of a unique
18 organization in terms of the park system and elsewhere.
19 If perhaps we could get one of our friends in the press
20 to do an in-depth focus piece a week or two in advance
21 and really does a nice little history piece of the
22 Advisory Commission, big issues we've tackled over the
23 years, the representation of the Friends at the table,
24 and the nice working relationship with the Park Service

1 itself and really have a nice article that's kind of a
2 memorial piece, we could distribute that and use that
3 for sort of a major piece. So I could try to work with
4 you guys on -- I'm not sure it would be, but an in-depth
5 piece.

6 MS. LYONS: Some historical highlights.

7 MS. STEPHENSON: I like the issues of what they're
8 doing today in Plymouth and some of the things they've
9 resolved. I would like to see that.

10 MR. DELANEY: Yeah.

11 MS. LYONS: A success. And I think people need to
12 see success as opposed to division.

13 MR. DELANEY: I mean, the dune shacks have been a
14 big thing. The off-road vehicles have been a big piece.
15 We have dealt with some pretty major issues in
16 conjunction with --

17 MR. PRICE: Nude bathing.

18 MR. DELANEY: Nude bathing.

19 MS. AVELLAR: What's that?

20 MS. LYONS: Nude bathing.

21 MS. AVELLAR: Oh, gosh, yes.

22 MR. PRICE: It's this commission -- nude sunbathing
23 is not illegal in national parks. It's at Fire Island.
24 It's at Gateway. Cape Cod National Seashore in the '70s

1 because of what was happening, there were tour buses out
2 of New York coming out to look at the nude sunbathers at
3 Cape Cod.

4 MS. AVELLAR: Well, they were trespassing over
5 private property to get to the beach.

6 MR. PRICE: They were trespassing, so basically the
7 Commission at the time implored the superintendent to
8 try to enact a special rule that would prevent nude
9 sunbathing from being legal in Cape Cod National
10 Seashore.

11 MS. AVELLAR: So is it legal?

12 MR. PRICE: No, so it's your predecessors that made
13 that become a federal law here. It's not a federal law
14 elsewhere.

15 MS. AVELLAR: We own that spaghetti strip.

16 MS. STEPHENSON: There's still a very --

17 MS. LYONS: It still lives.

18 MS. AVELLAR: We still have the spaghetti strip,
19 you know, so if anybody wants to go nude sunbathing,
20 they can go there.

21 MR. PRICE: I'm keeping my bathing suit on,
22 Mary-Jo.

23 (Laughter.)

24 MR. DELANEY: So that sounds like a plan.

1 MS. GREEN: Are you going to be working with the
2 Park on this? Is there a budget for it?

3 MR. DELANEY: I don't know. The budget I think is
4 pretty modest. Maybe we can get a donation or two from
5 somebody in the Friends just to have a reception. The
6 press article, the in-depth article would be free. I'll
7 work with George and Lauren to get that done. The
8 reporter may want to talk to get our opinions. It may
9 be fun to do a little reminiscing maybe than for just
10 like federal stories. There are more, but I think --

11 MR. PRICE: Brenda Boleyn has been a long-time
12 member of the Commission.

13 MR. DELANEY: Brenda Boleyn. There are several
14 other people. Usually people don't leave this
15 commission unless they die. They like to stay with us.

16 MS. BURGESS: I know. That's been making me very
17 nervous.

18 (Laughter.)

19 MR. DELANEY: Some of the people who have been here
20 are still alive and kicking. We should grab them and
21 get some of their memories.

22 MS. GREEN: Rich, if you want any help, I'll be
23 glad to help out.

24 MR. DELANEY: Good, thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MR. DELANEY: So moving on to our last item, which is the public comment period. And it's a chance where we ask anyone -- I see two members of the public.

Anyone -- either one of you like to make a comment or a statement? Yes, sir, would you please just identify yourself?

AUDIENCE MEMBER (ED MILLER): Yes, my name is Ed Miller. I live in Wellfleet. I'm here primarily as a representative of the *Provincetown Banner*, of which I am now the associate editor since July, working with Kaimi, who I think probably you all know, who is now the editor. And both of us feel it's very important to report more on the work of the National Seashore.

But what I wanted to say -- and I'll be very brief -- it has nothing to do with being a press person but just as a citizen resident of Wellfleet and property owner in the Seashore near Long Pond and Spectacle Pond. I've already mentioned this to George and Lauren, but I'm concerned about the conditions at Spectacle Pond and along the road that leads to it from Long Pond Road just because of -- well, there've been a number of incidents down at Spectacle Pond of vandalism and just disturbing kinds of uses, of people making messes down there and

1 not really treating it with respect.

2 Yesterday I was walking down that road and heard a
3 loud roaring sound. It turned out to be a couple of
4 young people in a very low-slung Audi from New York who
5 had gotten stuck on the road and were actually in the
6 process of ripping off their grill and underside of
7 their car trying to get out of a huge rut. I ended up
8 actually collecting a large number of car parts, which,
9 if anyone wants to see them, I have them in a big box in
10 the back of my car.

11 My comment is just that I think it's maybe been
12 considered before, but I think it might be appropriate
13 to think about making that access a fire road so that
14 all the people who read about the hidden ponds of
15 Wellfleet in the *New York Times* and other places aren't
16 going down that road in vehicles that can't make it and
17 leave parts of them there and just to keep what I think
18 is a very special place, obviously because I live near
19 it, a little bit more protected.

20 That's all.

21 MR. DELANEY: Thank you for bringing that issue to
22 our attention. Appreciate it. That's exactly what
23 we're here for.

24 And a couple of comments on this?

1 MS. GREEN: Yes, I'd like to make a comment. Thank
2 you for raising that issue. I've heard from a number of
3 people in the Town of Wellfleet about that *New York*
4 *Times* article and how they feel that the roads and the
5 access roads in the ponds have been impacted as a result
6 of that.

7 And to be quite frank, the reason why the nude
8 bathing became such an issue was because there was an
9 article in the *New York Times*. Someone in that area
10 lived there as a summer resident and wrote an article in
11 the *New York Times*.

12 MS. LYONS: Yes, and several years ago -- and this
13 was between Gull Pond and Higgins Pond there. That was
14 always considered by people in my little area as a
15 secret spot that you could walk down to, and you had
16 this little kind of little beachy area. And that summer
17 the *New York Times* not only had an aerial view of it but
18 with an arrow, you know, kind of giving you directions
19 to that spot. So for a couple of years there you could
20 not even get near there. There were too many cars. If
21 there was any combustion, that would have been the end
22 of everything, so that's been corrected by the town.
23 But thank you, *New York Times*. Now they're all going to
24 be coming here instead of Nantucket after the other

1 article they just did.

2 MR. DELANEY: Lauren, do you want to add to that?

3 MS. McKEAN: I have a comment on that being
4 corrected because it was closed down and the Seashore
5 built a couple of parking spaces.

6 MS. LYONS: Right, exactly.

7 MS. McKEAN: That area got absolutely trashed this
8 summer.

9 MS. LYONS: Did it really?

10 MS. McKEAN: It's not solved. We have a ponds
11 group that will go out and deal with it again. But
12 they're driving more into the woods now with their cars,
13 and they were knocking trees down.

14 MS. LYONS: It's terrible, yeah.

15 MS. GREEN: It's an issue.

16 MR. DELANEY: So I'm sure the Park is aware of the
17 management issues around the ponds. We've talked about
18 water quality issues in the ponds of Wellfleet. Now
19 we've got also use issues. So perhaps as you focus on
20 that, if you want to come back to us with some of the
21 actions that --

22 MR. PRICE: Right. I think it's pretty
23 complicated, and Lauren has been working with the towns
24 both in Truro and in Wellfleet on the ponds, and they

1 have -- you know, you could tell when you drove out
2 there it doesn't look like we've really maintained them
3 very well at all, anybody, whether it's the private
4 landowners, the town, or the Seashore. So I think there
5 have been a lot of improvements made over the last
6 number of years that we have seen. Unfortunately, it's
7 an uphill battle when you have this kind of active
8 vandalism. When it comes to the actual roads, the roads
9 get to be pretty complicated because basically it's the
10 responsibility of the town for maintaining, and there
11 are some roads that are private roads. So then the
12 question is the private road versus the public road
13 versus, you know, in the Seashore boundary versus not in
14 the Seashore boundary. So that continues to be a
15 conversation with the towns and the Seashore and the
16 landowners, especially when it comes to things like snow
17 plowing or no snow plowing.

18 MS. LYONS: And if I can add, I have friends that
19 are on private dirt roads, and they don't want any
20 maintenance on them because then people will come down
21 them, they think. But people are still going to come
22 down and experience what you've witnessed. So there has
23 to be a balance there and some sort of signage and
24 monitoring.

1 MR. DELANEY: So again, Ed, thank you for raising
2 it. I'm sure there's going to be more discussion and
3 more focus on these as people use the Park, and we will
4 be happy to weigh in as requested for recommendations.

5 Congratulations on your position. Congratulate
6 Kaimi. That's terrific.

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER (MR. MILLER): I will.

8 MR. DELANEY: She's a steady attendee here and
9 covered these proceedings well.

10 All right, any other public comments?

11 (No response.)

12 ADJOURNMENT

13 MR. DELANEY: Then I will entertain a motion to
14 adjourn.

15 MS. BURGESS: So moved.

16 MS. AVELLAR: So moved.

17 MR. DELANEY: Second?

18 MS. LYONS: Second.

19 MR. DELANEY: All those in favor, signify by saying
20 aye.

21 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

22 MR. DELANEY: Thank you.

23 (Whereupon, at 3:19 p.m. the proceedings were
24 adjourned.)

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